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RUSSIA TRIES TO HEAD OFF DEBATE

Lifting Of Blockade Seen As Unlikely

Berlin, October 4.
Informed sources here believe Russia will not lift the blockade of Berlin in exchange for a new Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting.
Official circles said Russia's bid for a new Foreign Ministers' meeting on Berlin was timed and worded to weaken the case of the Western Powers before the United Nations.
It was suggested that the Russian proposal for submitting the German problems to the Ministers may have been intended to complicate the procedures of the Western Powers in the United Nations.
One source said "If the Berlin crisis is taken out of the hands of the United Nations for discussion by the Foreign Ministers and no agreement reached it would considerably complicate the problem of again placing the issue before the United Nations."
The texts of the Soviet's latest note requesting a meeting were received early today at the offices of the three Western Military Governors.
They refused to comment.—United Press.

Business Slump Feared In US

Washington, October 3.
There may be heavy business failures in the United States if inflation ends and prices stand still or decline for a few months, said Mr. Maple T. Harl, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, today.
Mr. Harl asked American banks to reduce credit to firms which are surviving only on the strength of inflation.

Denial On US-Spanish Agreement

Madrid, October 3.
Spanish papers today strongly denied that any military or diplomatic agreement or arrangement had been reached at last Thursday's meeting between General Francisco Franco and Senator Chuan Gurney, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and members of the American forces.

The Spanish press, in general, complained of the interpretation given to the visit in "some sectors abroad."

The Madrid Catholic newspaper, *La Esfera*, referred to the "exaggerated excitement which the news produced," and declared: "No agreement concerning military base in the Spanish peninsula was discussed at all."

The paper added that the fact that the visitors "figure among those who favour a good understanding with Spain" would not justify the assumption that the visit was of an important military or diplomatic nature.

"It is best clearly understood that nothing—absolutely nothing—has been agreed or even arranged," the Falangist organ, *Arriba*, said.—Reuter.

Paris, October 3.
M. Maurice Thorez, the leader of the French Communist Party, criticizing the new five-power Western Union defence organization in a speech at Bourges, Eastern France, said: "It must be made known that the people of France will never fight against Soviet Russia"—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 hours GMT (9 p.m. HKST) the typhoon was centred about 50 miles NW of Okinawa moving N or NW at 8 to 10 knots. A second typhoon was centred about 90 miles SE of Tokyo moving W at 10 knots. Pressure continued high over China and over the Pacific NE of Japan, with relative low pressure over the S. China Sea and Bismarck Sea.
Today's Forecast—Moderate to SE winds backing NE later. Fair with isolated showers.
Tomorrow's Forecast—Thunderstorms, heavy rain, strong winds.
Minimum: 77.4 deg. Fahr.
Maximum: 88.8 deg. Fahr.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—210.2 mm.—21.1 in. as against an average of 107.8 mm.—10.7 in. for the period.

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URGES TREATY FOR AUSTRIA

Vienna, October 3.
Doctor Alfred Mischel, Austrian Minister for Power, today urged the speedy conclusion of an Austrian State Treaty as a contribution to the peace of the world.
Addressing a Socialist Party meeting at Innsbruck in the French occupation zone of Austria, Mischel said that "an agreement on the Austria question would beyond doubt have good influence on the present trend of world politics and restore confidence in the ability of the big nations to preserve peace."—Associated Press.

RUSSIA TRIES TO HEAD OFF DEBATE

Suggests Berlin Issue Be Referred To Big-4 DELAY TACTICS SEEN

Paris, October 4.
Russia tried to head off the debate on the Berlin blockade in the United Nations Security Council today by demanding that the three Western powers send the whole German issue back to the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers.
The Russian proposal was contained in an answer to the Western powers' note of September 26 informing the Soviet Government that they were breaking off negotiations on Berlin and taking the issue to the Security Council.
The Soviet answer broadcast was beamed by Moscow only a few hours before the Security Council was to convene at 3 p.m.

Authoritative sources said the three Western Allies will agree at once to a Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting suggested by the Soviet Union if the Russians will lift the blockade of Berlin.
But there is no question of postponing or withdrawing the Security Council case until and if the blockade is lifted without qualification, and the Russians acknowledge the rights of the West to remain in Berlin.
The Western powers have expected ever since the Berlin situation became critical that the Russians would call for a new Council of Foreign Ministers meeting, but the note was the first formal word on it.
A Western spokesman said: "We have always been willing to talk regarding the future of Germany," and added that the West was never willing, and is not now willing, to talk while the Berlin blockade exists.

The spokesman added: "Our attitude to the new Russian proposal, most certainly would be no more talking until the blockade is unconditionally lifted."
High American sources said "our position always has been that we would never turn down a CFM meeting on Germany—if the blockade were lifted. We won't negotiate under duress and until now the Soviets have never formally asked for a new Council meeting."
The Western Powers expect a change in Soviet tactics at the Security Council meeting today. They believe the Soviets may ask for a delay in putting the Berlin question formally on the agenda until the Western Powers have a chance to examine the note.
The note was well timed to force a delay if that is what is wished. The official texts started arriving at the Western delegations' headquarters before midday.

No More Talking

The French reaction was the same—the blockade is the key question and as long as the blockade exists the present very critical international crisis will exist.
French officials said the note would not change the Western Powers' case before the Council because it does not agree to lift the blockade.
The note insisted that the Berlin blockade had been settled by the agreement of the four big powers of a directive to the four military governors in Berlin, and said all that is necessary was for the three Western powers to abide by the Moscow decisions and refrain from trying to extend them in such a manner as to infringe upon Russian rights in the Soviet zone of Germany.

The Russian note ended by demanding that the Foreign Ministers Council be called into session to consider both the question of the blockade and the question of the future of Germany.
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needed to insure the Soviet zone against economic damage as a result of the currency reform by the Western powers in their zones of Germany.
Russia said the Western currency reform was but one of many far-reaching measures taken by the Western powers in establishing a separate West German state in violation of the Potsdam agreement for a unified Germany.

UN Security Council Meets

Paris, October 4.
The United Nations Security Council convened today to debate Western charges that Russia is threatening world peace by her blockade of Berlin.
U.S. delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, greeted the meeting to order at 3 p.m. as Chairman for October.
The Western Powers—Britain, France and the United States—pressed the charges before the Council in spite of a last minute Soviet effort to transfer the dispute to the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers.
The great hall in the basement of the Palais de Chaillot was packed with the biggest crowd ever to attend a meeting of the Security Council.—Associated Press.

The note added: "The problem of the Berlin situation is closely connected with that of Germany and with the dismemberment of Germany and with the creation of a separate Government of West Germany. It is a subject, in accordance with Article 107 of the United Nations Charter, to be settled by the Governments responsible for the occupation of Germany and not subject to submission to the Security Council."
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Russian Demand

The Russian note gave a different version of the breakdown of the Berlin negotiations than that given by the American White Paper. The American report alleged that Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky repudiated the Western agreement with Generalissimo Stalin and refused to lift the Berlin blockade, demanding instead additional controls over Western air traffic to Berlin. It said that Premier Stalin agreed to four-power control over the Soviet mark if established as the sole currency for Berlin.

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Plot Bared In Korea

Seoul, October 4.
A plot to overthrow the infant Korean Republic was disclosed today.
Seoul Police Chief Kim Tal Sun said 20 persons have been arrested.

Choi Neung Jin, former chief of detectives for the national police under the American Military Government in South Korea, was among those arrested.
Home Minister T. Y. Yoon said an unnamed anti-administration group—not Communist—planned to take over the fledgling Government of President Syngman Rhee by force after the United Nations General Assembly had considered the Korean question, possibly later this month.—Associated Press.

Sokolovsky Accused Of Distorting

Berlin, October 3.
British official circles tonight accused Marshal Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Governor, of distorting the truth in his press conference statement last night, blaming the Western Military Governors for the breakdown of the Berlin crisis talks.

Commenting on the Marshal's reiteration of the accusation that the Western Powers aimed at disruption of normal life in the Soviet Zone, British spokesmen said that the Russians had refused to treat Germany as an economic whole as agreed at Potsdam.
Reparations taken from the Eastern Zone had been estimated at \$2,750,000,000, and Soviet propaganda looked like an attempt to make the Western Powers the scapegoat for the consequent deterioration of Eastern Zone conditions.

Fact Omitted

It was pointed out that Marshal Sokolovsky's accounting of events leading up to the blockade omitted the fact that the Western Allies did not introduce Western marks into their sector until the Soviet authorities had already introduced Eastern marks and had refused a four-power agreement.
British spokesmen also maintained that the first stages of the blockade were imposed long before currency reform was introduced.

British officials said that when the Berlin discussions were ended in September, it was apparent that no agreement would be possible on Berlin unless the Soviet Government made it plain to Marshal Sokolovsky that there were to be no restrictions on air communications, that the proposed four-power Finance Committee must control the Berlin activities of the German Bank of Issue of the Soviet Zone, and that trade between Berlin and the rest of the world must also be under full four-power control.—Reuter.

SED Member Says West To Leave Soon

Vienna, October 4.
The Western powers will leave Berlin sooner or later, Franz Dahlem, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, SED, of Germany said in Vienna yesterday.
Dahlem, attending a congress of the Union of anti-Fascists in Vienna, expressed the conviction that the Berlin crisis would not cause another war and said, "The Western imperialists are far too weak to realize their threats."

While asserting that the Western powers were already preparing their departure from Berlin, Dahlem said that the city would soon be "the capital of a peaceful and progressive Germany and the centre for the liberation of the other Germany from reactionary forces and foreign oppression."
Delegates from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and the Soviet Union, who were attending the congress, Yugoslavia was not represented.—Associated Press.

Soong Stresses Progress Made In Kwangtung

Canton, October 4.
Governor T. V. Soong said in a radio address last night that progress has been achieved toward crushing the Communist bandits; that flood and famine had been averted and that provincial production in cement, sugar and textiles had been boosted.
It was a round up of Dr. Soong's first year as administrator of Kwangtung province.

Here is summary of the broadest: "When I arrived here a year ago, Kwangtung was in the grip of deep disaster. Among the many causes of unrest and worry on the part of the people of Kwangtung, the following were probably the most important, and they posed situations which required immediate answers:
"1. During the summer prior to my arrival in Kwangtung, unprecedented, disastrous floods had breached numerous dykes causing great damage to the harvest. The first question was, will the dykes be repaired in time to prevent a recurrence in 1948?
"2. Kwangtung, normally a food scarce area, experienced severe hardships in the spring of 1946 and 1947. The flood disaster of 1947 further cut down production. The second question was, 'Will there be a famine in 1948?'
"3. Owing to severe fighting in North China with Communist armies National troops had been gradually withdrawn until the veteran 80th Division was left. Would that division be withdrawn? If so, will the provincial troops be able to handle the already mounting Communist inspired brigand uprisings?
"And so, we set about to answer these questions.

Loan Help
"With loans and contributions from American aid, \$70,000,000 worth of rice was expended in work relief, and many dykes were repaired and strengthened. During the high water season this year, we were thus spared from flood disasters.
"Simultaneously, the provincial government bought rice from Kwangsi, Hunan and Siam. With these rice purchases together with American aid and Ministry of Food grants, the threatened famine in the late spring was averted, and a successful rationing system inaugurated in Canton and Swatow.
"New provincial troops were recruited and equipped. Purchased, until as of today the strength of provincial forces has trebled over the strength of one year ago. The withdrawal of the 80th Division in the summer found provincial troops ready to fill the gap. Although as of this date, we have not been entirely successful in crushing Communist bandits, in general, substantial progress has been achieved.
"Under the protection of provincial troops, it is now possible to reorganize the local militia in the magistracies, and fund and arms are being given to arm them then in their great task of clearing the local bandits.
"It is well known that corruption among officials, especially in the magistracies, has been a perennial problem in Canton. During the past year, many magistracies have been replaced by new, more energetic men, and, for me, believe the general quality of the magistracy is steadily improving.
"The fundamental basis for improvement lies, however, in the institution of a civil service system. To that end, last summer we held an examination for college graduates. The successful candidates have been taken into the government under civil service protection.
"This examination will be held yearly, and new blood will be introduced and gradually the old system of patronage will go the way of all outmoded and inefficient systems.

Reorganization
"Economic reconstruction and currency inflation are almost mutually contradictory. Nevertheless, in spite of inflation, we have successfully reorganized and improved the Kwangtung Industrial Corporation with its cement, textile, sugar and other mills, and they are on a sound economic basis.
"The development of Whampoa as a port was one of the pet projects of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The end of the war left us with only one wharf in Whampoa. All other facilities were destroyed. We are now building godown and other facilities as fast as our resources allow."—Associated Press.

**Investigation
Of Air Crash**
Oslo, October 3.
An official investigation commission was today at the scene of yesterday's flying boat disaster in Trondheim fjord.
High seas prevented the raising of the aircraft, which is lying at a depth of about 60 feet, and the search for bodies has so far been unsuccessful.
All nineteen victims of the disaster were Norwegians, it was learned here.
The aircraft—a Norwegian flying boat of the Sandringham type—was carrying 19 persons and a crew of eight on a regular flight from Oslo to northern Norway.
Bertrand Russell, the 70-year-old British philosopher, was among those who escaped after the machine had been overturned by a gust of wind on landing. He was given some time in the icy water before a boat picked him up.
The aircraft sank in about two minutes.—Reuter.

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SIGNING OF CHART ON BRITISH WATERS

A chart designating the area at Deep Bay (British waters) where it is proposed that Chinese Maritime Customs launches should be permitted to operate was signed yesterday by Mr. Chang Fu-yun, Director-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Hong Kong's Colonial Secretary.

The signing took place at the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, in the presence of Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi and Mr. G. N. Gawler, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and the New Territories.

The chart is subject to confirmation by an exchange of notes at Nanking between the Chinese Foreign Office and the British Embassy. The chart will be presented to Hong Kong's Legislative Council shortly for consideration and approval.

At a Press conference later in the day, Mr. Chang described the event as the first of its kind in Sino-British history. He said it had been under consideration for the last 50 years.

Following exchange of notes and approval of the chart by the Legislative Council, full implementation of the Hong Kong-China Anti-smuggling Agreement will provide for a floating office of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Yuen-tai.

Authority To Operate

It will also give the Chinese Maritime Customs authority to operate in the northern section of Deep Bay. This section of the bay washes Chinese territory.

In a statement to the Press yesterday, Mr. Chang Fu-yun said: "The exchange and trade control measures adopted by the Chinese Government to meet a growing economic situation have created problems of smuggling which because of the proximity of Hong Kong would be difficult to suppress without the friendly co-operation of the Hong Kong Government. To secure such co-operation, the Customs, acting upon instructions of the Chinese Government, initiated discussions with the Hong Kong authorities for the conclusion of an Agreement which would provide arrangements for the prevention of smuggling between Hong Kong and Chinese ports.

Readiness To Co-operate

"The Hong Kong authorities showed their readiness to co-operate by agreeing to a proposed draft of such an Agreement which required the Government of Hong Kong to adopt measures for the control of loading of ves-

sels, bound for Chinese ports, granted the Customs liberty to patrol specified areas in Hong Kong waters and certain other rights in Hong Kong. This draft Agreement was then submitted to the British and Chinese Governments for approval and was by the desire of the former, elevated to the status of an international Agreement by an exchange of notes between the British Ambassador, Nanking, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs on January 12, 1948.

By the terms of the Agreement, legislation for its implementation will need to be passed by the Legislative Council of Hong Kong. However, this did not take place as soon as was expected owing to a procedural oversight which resulted in the British Government having accepted the line of demarcation of the prohibited area in Deep Bay, it thought the Hong Kong Government and agreed to. "After exchanges of views between the Chinese Government and British Embassy it was agreed to define this line by taking into account navigational and geographical peculiarities and the preventive requirements of the Customs for which the Agreement was entered into.

Obstacles Removed

"The maps embodying the line thus defined were submitted by the Colonial Secretary and myself today. By an exchange of notes between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the British Ambassador, the map which formed an annex to the Hong Kong Customs Agreement will be replaced with the new one. This the obstacle to the passing of the necessary legislation for the implementation of the Agreement will be removed and I have every reason to believe such legislation will be passed in due course.

"I am most grateful for the courtesy and co-operation which the Hong Kong authorities so readily extended to me, making our discussions take on the character of friendly and informal conversations and enabling the meeting of our views and completion of my mission in so short a time.

"The granting to the Customs of the liberty to exercise certain rights in Hong Kong and its waters was an expression of co-operation on the part of Hong Kong Government. I wish to assure the Chinese Customs would exercise these rights in a reasonable manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. It is my hope that the spirit of co-operation shown in the conclusion and implementation of the agreement will lead to further collaboration in wider fields between Hong Kong and China for their mutual advancement."

Assures Court He Won't Drink Again

Assuring the court that he would not drink again, Wong Ming, 37, a business manager of 58 Connaught Road Central, second floor, was fined \$20 or one week, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct in Chater Road at 9 p.m. on October 2.

According to Inspector Morritt who prosecuted, Wong was seen by a police constable to be drinking and misbehaving himself in the vicinity of Chater Road. The constable went up to him and asked him to withdraw to the pavement, but his request was met with abuse and foul language.

Police assistance was called and two other constables assisted in getting defendant into a truck and had him taken to Central Police Station.

JURY FAILS TO REACH VERDICT IN RAPE CASE

A verdict could not be reached by the all-man jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in the case of **Chan Chung-yun**, charged with the rape of his servant girl.

A re-trial was then ordered by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), and the jury dismissed.

Accused in the witness box denied the charge.

He declared that from the beginning of her employment, he knew the girl was no good. She was alleged to have told him later on that her mother was working at a brothel, and that she would introduce him to her.

Threat Alleged

He claimed that the girl had once asked him to give her \$50, but he had refused. She had then threatened that if he did not give it to her, he would get into trouble. The sum was later raised to \$250 by complaint.

Chan stated that he did not want to give her the money, but on the other hand it did not occur to him to hand her over to the police, as he had accepted the word of Mak Sze that complainant was a good girl.

He further stated that on the day he was arrested, he thought that he was to have been charged solely with possession of his revolver and several rounds of ammunition. When he was in-

Reminders

Today
Portuguese National Day, reception at Club Lusitano, 12 noon.
H.K. Reel Club, annual general meeting, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. followed by first practice.
H.K. Rotary Club Luncheon, talk on "Cable Ship Adventures", Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Talk on "Melodies of the Masters" by Donald Fraser, under auspices of Sino-British Club, at Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Annual general meeting, Day Scouts Association, Standerland Hill, 7.30 p.m.
Chinese cooking lessons, YWCA, Duddell Street, 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Helena May Institute, annual general meeting followed by first practice, 5.30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Maryknollers Charity Bazaar, Dance, The Griggs, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Tenth Anniversary Celebration, The Griggs, H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

\$1 Million Promised By Sir Robert For Women's Hostel

Sir Robert Ho Tung has promised a donation of HK\$1,000,000 to the University of Hong Kong for the erection of a Women's Hostel. This was announced at yesterday's meeting of the Court of the University by the Chancellor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

Referring to the generous donation, Sir Alexander said: "I am very grateful and deeply touched by this gift. It will enable us to carry out a most necessary work that otherwise we should have been obliged to postpone for some years."

Sir Robert, he added, is already well known for his public spirit and his generous benefactions to the University and to numerous other objects in the Colony.

Replying to the Chancellor's brief speech, Sir Shou-on Chow said:

"Every member of this Court has heard with the greatest satisfaction your announcement of Sir Robert's generous gift. We remember that this is one of the many benefits to the University which he has given gifts from time to time, one of which we all remember is the Ho Tung Workshop in Peking Road.

"The work of the University has been very seriously obstructed for many years for lack of a hostel for its rapidly-growing number of women students.

Waited Many Years

"Had Sir Robert not made this magnificent offer, the proposals are that we should have waited many years before this essential provision for women students could have been made. We recognize that for the welfare of the new generation the education of women is not less, but possibly more important than the education of men.

"The building of this hostel will encourage many women who are at present deterred from higher education, because they have no convenient place in which

to live. I should, therefore, like to propose:

"That it be a direction to the Vice-Chancellor that he should convey to Sir Robert Ho Tung the grateful acknowledgements of this Court, for a wise generosity which contributes so much to the future work of the University."

Mr. D. F. Lantieri spoke to second Sir Shou-on Chow's proposal, primarily, he said, because Sir Robert Ho Tung has been one of the Colony's greatest benefactors, not only to the University but to the community in general. He added:

Add One Other

Sir Shou-on has enumerated the gifts that Sir Robert has made, but I would like to add one other. Sir Robert endowed a Professorship for Clinical Surgery work, and I am glad to see that the first holder of this office, Professor Digby, is with us this evening to acclaim yet another public-spirited gesture on the part of Sir Robert.

May I, Sir, inject a personal feeling into my words? I said just now that I was very happy to second this motion. Apart from the reasons which I have just given, I would like to say that Sir Robert, for half a century, has been a very close personal friend of many of the members of my firm including my own father, and I welcome this opportunity of paying tribute to a Grand Old Man who has once again demonstrated in such a practical and praiseworthy manner his munificence to this University and to the Colony generally.

I have much pleasure in wholeheartedly seconding Sir Shou-on's motion.

Doctors Criticised By Coroner's Jury

A verdict of death from bronchial pneumonia was returned yesterday by a jury at the inquest of a three-month-old baby girl who died at the Tung Wah Eastern hospital on September 4.

The jury added a rider that they were not satisfied with the manner in which the doctors who took part in treating the child did not recommend hospital treatment in the first instance.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada as coroner concurred with the verdict.

Dr. C. K. Chan, private practitioner of No. 1 Der Voeux Road West, said a baby was brought to him for treatment on August 24. He diagnosed the child as suffering from pneumonia and after treating the child and supplying medicine, requested the mother to call again.

The mother, however, did not bring the child back for further treatment.

Received Treatment
Chan said the mother, who did not improve, took her to the Tung Wah Eastern hospital where she received treatment and went away.

The condition of her baby became worse, however, and she was advised to purchase a Chinese medicine, which she did and still the child's condition did not improve.

She again, on the night of September 3, took the child to the Tung Wah Eastern hospital, but before going into the hospital, she felt the child and not down with the child beside her.

For no reason, she said, she was suddenly taken into custody by someone, who took both of them to the hospital, where the child was detained and she was taken to Bayview Police Station.

The next morning she said she identified the inebriary body as that of her child.

Doctor's Evidence
Dr. Ip Chung-yue, medical officer of Tung Wah Eastern hospital, said the child was treated by him on August 23, when he diagnosed acute bronchitis.

On August 25, the same child was again brought for treatment and this time he diagnosed bronchial pneumonia. It was treated and the mother and child allowed to leave the hospital.

In answer to a question from Inspector Andrews, Dr. Ip said he considered such an illness as very serious.

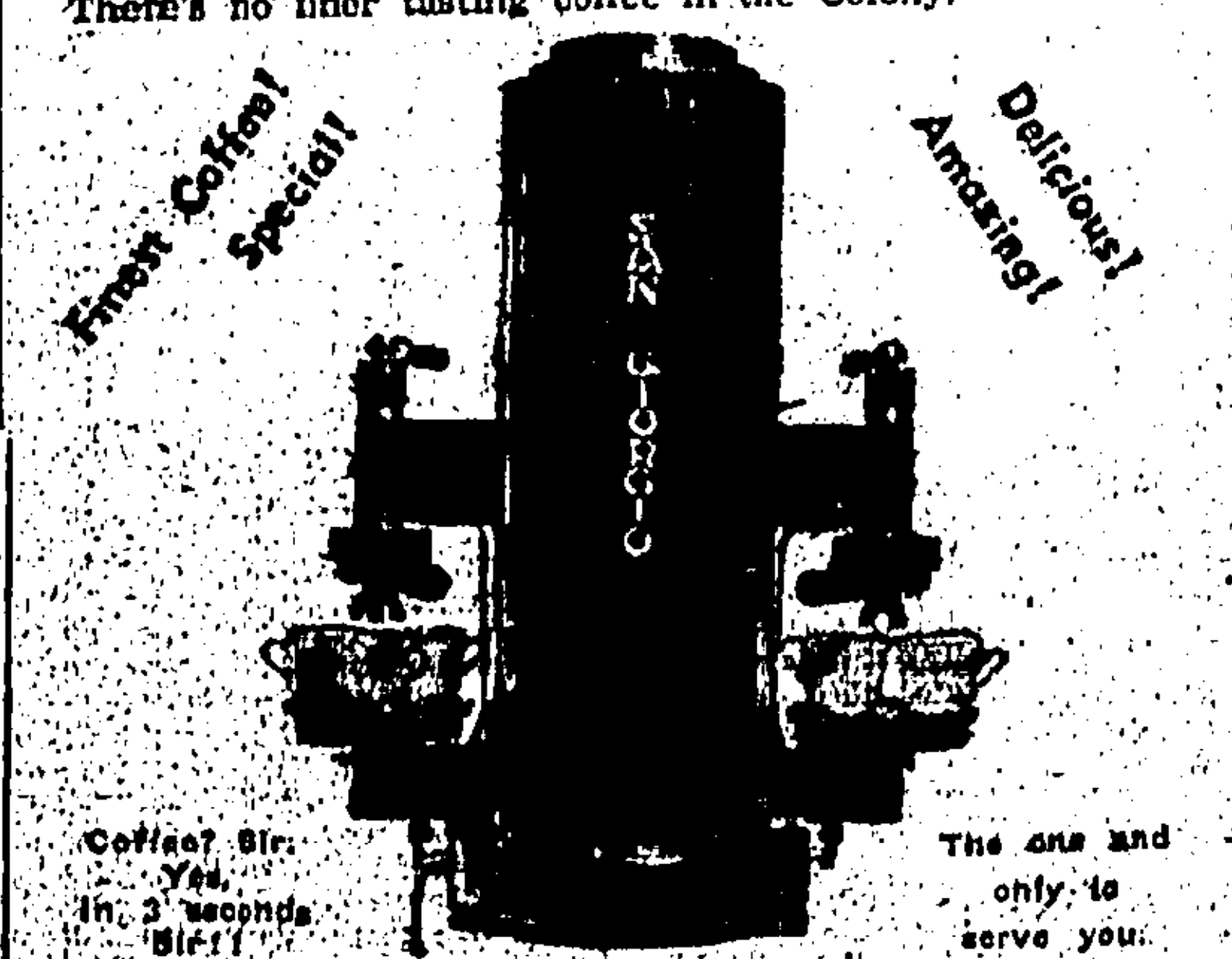
Asked further why the patient was not admitted, he replied that the mother did not make the request.

He admitted that such serious cases should be admitted to hospital, provided there were sufficient beds available.

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PWD Larceny Case Hearing

APPLICATION REFUSED

An application by Crown Counsel to treat one of his witnesses in the Public Works Department Hung Hom Electrical Workshop larceny case as hostile was refused by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, submitted that C. M. Rowe should be treated as hostile as the evidence he tendered before the court was, in some material respect, different from the statement he made to the police.

Quoting from the statement, Mr. Hooton said that Rowe said, "I rang up Mr. Spary asking him if he could put me on to the same man who had executed the previous contract. He said that he could do so and promised to send the man to me," which was different from what he had said in the box.

Refusing the application, Mr. Wicks said that a man's office could easily be identified with the man himself, and that it could have been that witness meant Spary's office when he said Spary was the man to whom he spoke.

Rowe was giving evidence in the case in which Kwok Kwong was charged with larceny of electrical materials from the Public Works Department, Grade I, and Arthur Frederick May, and 41 electrical in pieces, and charged with conspiracy between March 1 and August 11 last to have work done by Government employees using materials and time of the Government, fraudulent disposal of Government materials, and falsification of documents.

Mr. A. Hooton, assisted by Chief Inspector J. Johnston, presented evidence in the case. Mr. J. Johnston represented Kwok Kwong, Mr. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. J. J. Griffiths, for Spary, and Mr. J. C. Stewart for May.

Outlining the case, Mr. Hooton said that Spary joined the PWD as Grade I electrician in 1924. Kwok Kwong also joined the PWD in 1924 and became a foreman in the electrical workshop in 1928. May, holding a position equivalent to Spary, joined in 1924.

Describing the workings of the electrical department, Mr. Hooton said that there is a Head Office in Caroline Hill under the control of Mr. Brown, who is the immediate superior of Spary and May.

In Charge
Spary, who had at one time been in charge of the Hung Hom workshop, was in charge of the Wanchoi workshop, and May, in charge of the Kowloon one. The two European foremen at all times directed the Chinese electrical jobs on their respective sides of the harbour, said Crown Counsel. The duties of an electrical engineer are to submit estimates for jobs wanted done by a Government department, put in a requisition for material, convey them to his workshop, inspect the work from time to time, enter in a diary the labour distribution and work report. On the last named are based the pay sheets.

The engineers have also to see that there is no waste of general materials, said Crown Counsel, and they are the only persons who could authorize overtime.

At this stage Mr. Hooton drew attention to what he said was a peculiar practice in the electrical department, and one which "shudders" to think about. The Accountant-General will say when he hears about it. That practice was to put in for overtime whenever the department was in need of some material unobtainable from Government Stores. Instead of paying the man the overtime, the money would be utilized towards the purchase of the required material.

Referring to the 12 charges, Mr. Hooton said that he would call evidence to show that in a number of cases Spary and Kwok were approached by private parties to do private jobs, and that in certain cases actual payment had been made by the persons to get the work done.

Principal Part
As to May, his principal part in the case was that he had been covering up Spary's and Kwok's actions, said Mr. Hooton, for it was difficult to see how he could be unaware of what was going on at the workshop. He was also putting in time after time false returns of labour.

After Leung Chung, photographer attached to the C.I.D., had testified to having taken photographs of the Thong Pacific Airways huts, Cecilia Beauty Salon, a house in Pokfulam, Pokfulam Market, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and Hung Hom Workshop, Honourable Dr. G. H. Thomas, Director of Medical Services, was called.

In evidence, Dr. Thomas said that he, as the owner of some houses at Mt. Davis just below Felix Villas. These houses were his own private property and did not belong to the Government.

As these houses needed some electrical fittings, he consulted May. When he explained that he knew May before the war, and that May called at his office one day without appointment to ask whether his name might be used as a reference by May.

Dr. Thomas said that he himself thought the subject of electrical wiring by telling May that he was rehabilitating his house and was at a loss to know who was a reliable party to refer to his house.

"Knowing his profession," said witness, "I asked for his help and advice. He said he would gladly help me and that he would arrange to go out and see the house. I asked him to recommend me a reliable contractor. He said he would do so but did not say who would be the contractor."

Witness went on to say that they made an appointment to meet again on July 20 but did not meet until the following day when they went out to Pokfulam with a Chinese gentleman who sat at the back of the car during the trip out.

At Pokfulam, continued witness, the two (May and the Chinese) made a rather rapid survey of the house and said that there was no difficulty in wiring the house.

In reply to Crown Counsel, witness said he did not pay any particular attention to the Chinese gentleman and could not say whether he was in court or not.

On May 30, said Dr. Thomas, he saw May at his (witness's) house at the Mental Hospital Quarters, where May called at the invitation of Mrs. Thomas.

Periodical Visits
During his periodical visits to Pokfulam, he saw workmen doing electrical wiring. He thought that they were men from the contractor whom May said he would recommend. He never told the name of the contractor, neither did he receive an estimate of the cost.

On the first visit to Pokfulam, explained witness, May told him that he would receive a bill for the work but he never did as the work in still not completed.

Witness said that he could recall something being said about Government workmen being employed on the job, and that they would be on the job at their own time and during weekends, he said.

Mrs. N. Thomas, testified to being present when her husband saw May called at Pokfulam, accompanied by a Chinese gentleman with gold teeth. (Witness, asked whether that man was in court, said that Kwok Kwong appeared to be the man but had gone thinner).

May, said witness, gave them advice about the lights and points as the party went from room to room. A few days later, three or four workmen (identified by witness as Lee Cho, Leung Cheuk-wah, Ng Shu, and, possibly, Leung Mei) turned up at the house and started to wire the place.

As they turned up early in the morning she was unable to say whether they brought any wires with them, but she did not give them any. She did, however, supply them with some switches and fuses which her son bought during the occupation days.

The workmen were so good at their job that she never interfered with them, said witness. The next time she saw May was when he was getting out of his car at Statue Square. She

went up to him and asked his advice about a one and a half gallon water heater. He told her that all these heaters are very good, so she obtained one on approval and telephoned him about it.

He called at their house at the Mental Hospital to see it. He said it was very good and took a bit longer to heat up. May also said that he had one in his own house which he had improved by changing the adjustment base.

Water Taps
About a fortnight after work was started at the Pokfulam house, said witness, a workman (identified as Lee Cho, who was formerly engaged with May but released on September 7 when the Crown offered no evidence against him) asked her for the water taps.

He gave them to him as May had said that he would help them in fixing up the water heater.

William Harris, Manager of Cathay Pacific Airways, said that he first met Spary about January, 1947 at the Kowloon Cricket Club. Some months later he had a conversation with Spary at Kai Tak about the wiring of a Quonset hut.

He asked Spary whether he could introduce a reliable contractor to wire the hut as he knew that Spary was an electrician. Spary said that he would try.

Kwok Kwong went to see him a few days later. Witness said he took the man for the contractor whom Spary said he would send along Kwok which the hut of his (witness's) satisfaction. There were several electricians on the job, which was paid for by CPA.

Witness said that he did not know where the electrical materials came from nor whether they were brought to the job by the workmen. To the best of his knowledge, Spary was not on the job during the time the hut was wired.

Harris, when shown a bill for \$543.04 from Cheong Hing, said that he believed that bill was for the Quonset hut. The covering cheque was signed by him, and, as far as he could remember, paid over to Kwok who presented the bill.

Next Job
The next electrical job was on the company's premises, comprising five wooden huts measuring 100 feet by 50 feet, at Kai Tak. He instructed his electrical engineer, Mr. Rowe, to see to the job and recommended that the contractor who did the Quonset hut be given the job.

This work was started some time in April and finished about the middle of July, this year, during which period he never saw Spary on the scene. The only time he saw Spary was on a Sunday outside the road when he told Spary to try and get the contractor to hurry on the job. He promised to do his best. Spary was not surprised at his request but appeared to understand what he was referring to. A Chinese was with Spary at that time but witness could not say who that man was, excepting that it might be Kwok.

Kwok was on the job from time to time, supervising, and was the only man with whom they could talk things over. There were six men on the job which was satisfactory but slow. Among the men were Tong Chuen and Ngau Pui, and, possibly, Ng Shu. Hearing will be resumed this morning.

Weddings

The forthcoming weddings were announced of Mr. William Dennis Poiré of Tamsila, Taipei, and Miss Julia Beatrice Cady of Atlantic Petroleum Co. Ltd., Hong Kong.

Lt-Col. Francisco Mapa Gomez, of Peninsula Hotel and Dr. (Miss) Francesca Papardo Villanueva, of Peninsula Hotel.

ACI Charles Henry Davies, RAF, and Cpl (Miss) Edna Waterhouse, ATS.

Mr. Yanele Aubin, Oldham, Assistant District Traffic Manager, Pan-American Airways, and Miss Caroline Jeanette Peck, 524 The Peak.

Mr. Henri Lacaze, Manager, Davis Freers, Drom, Penn, Cambodia, F.I.C. and Miss Genevieve Pettit, 3, Garden Terrace.

Appropriation

An Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of HK\$4,313,874.19 to defray the charges of 1947 financial year ended March 31, 1947 will be presented to the Legislative Council for its First Reading tomorrow.

The supplementary sum was expended as follows:

	HK\$
The Governor	24,171.48
Colonial Secretariat and Legislature	10,504.53
Pensions	2,710,916.00
Police Force	207,622.47
Stores Department	1,351,336.47
Inland Revenue Department	9,423.18
Total	HK\$4,313,874.19

The 15th of the Series of "Splash" and Dance nights will be held at the European Y.M.C.A. tonight starting at 7.30 p.m.

Sir Man-Kam Lo Launches Drive

The Young Women's Christian Association's Finance Campaign was launched yesterday with an address by Sir Man-Kam Lo.

He said that the sum required this year by the Association is HK\$129,000.

He added that for the year 1948 the annual sum required was HK\$200,000, a sum exceeding this amount was obtained.

"Last year the sum of HK\$120,000 was required, and a sum substantially exceeding this was collected. This year the sum required is HK\$129,000 and I am convinced that the result of the coming campaign will exceed this amount," said Sir Man-Kam Lo.

"But although the valuable work of the YWCA is fully appreciated by the public I am sure the annual campaigns would not be the successes they were, and this year's campaign will not be the success for which we hope, but for the wonderful devotion of all the charming ladies to this very worthy cause."

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Story Of Bravery In Gun Fight Told At Supreme Court

With all their ammunition spent and one of their party dying, two men outwitted a gang of five armed men in the New Territories.

The ruse they used was told at the Supreme Court yesterday when three of the armed men were charged with unlawful possession of one revolver, one automatic pistol and 21 rounds of ammunition.

One of the Crown's principal witnesses against the three accused, Lo Kam, Ho Fai and Lai Lup, was Chiu Kwai-sang, who has, since the event, been awarded with the British Empire Medal (Civil Division). He was one of the two men who battled and outwitted the armed gang at the risk of his own life.

The three accused were arraigned before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice Gould.

The case against the three accused was outlined by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel. He said that the offence was committed at Sai Kung in the New Territories on May 29.

He said that two Chinese plainclothes constables were assigned to trace persons suspected of possessing arms illegally. They were instructed to work alone or with the assistance of local guards.

Five Men Traced

With the assistance of one village guard, Chiu Kwai-sang, who was related to one of the constables, five men were traced to a house at Chik Kang village. It was about midnight when the three men reached the hideout. The two constables decided to rush with Chiu Kwai-sang covering them with his rifle.

After the two had entered the doorway and announced their identity a shot was fired by one of the inmates. One of the constables was hit. He staggered out.

Seeing a hand reach out towards a bed, the other constables fired at it and withdrew from the house. The wounded man was lying on the ground and appeared to be dying.

Both Chiu and the other constable then emptied their guns into the house. By exchanging shots they pretended that there was a large police force besieging the house. They also pretended that a hand grenade was about to be flung into the house.

Guns Thrown Out

As a result of the threat, two guns were thrown out through a window and three men surrendered. They were given first aid treatment. Ammunition found in the house fitted the two guns. The spring of the revolver was defective and it could not fire.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that the guns had nothing to do with the injury suffered by one of the constables as neither of the weapons had been fired for a considerable time.

He added that there was also no evidence of a combined ploy on the part of the three men to resist arrest at all costs. Two other men had escaped.

Testifying in the witness-box, the three accused denied the charges against them.

This case was adjourned until 10 a.m.

NATIONAL DAY OF PORTUGAL

Portugal's National Day will be celebrated in Hong Kong today by the local Portuguese community. A reception will be held at Club Lusitano, Icehouse Street, at 12 noon.

The Governor of Hong Kong has sent a telegram to the Governor of Machu in connection with the occasion.

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REMINDER TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

The attention of Medical Practitioners is drawn to Section 4(3) and 6(2) of the Medical Registration Ordinance, No. 41 of 1935 which require all Medical Practitioners to notify the Medical Department of their present address.

G. H. THOMAS,
Ag. Director of Medical Services.

1st October, 1948.

536 Vessels Call At Hong Kong During September

During September 536 vessels of all types totalling 833,793 nett tonnage, called at Hong Kong bringing in 58,636 passengers from all parts of the world.

This showed a total decrease of 36 vessels, 25,707 nett tonnage and 4,471 passengers compared with the August arrivals.

Only 245 ships left the colony last month, taking away 62,749 passengers, which compared with the August departures showed a decrease of 4,048 passengers.

British ocean-going steamers, however, totalled 256, six more than in August. There were 13 foreign ships and 21,875 nett tonnage less in September. The number of British river steamers decreased by 23, and there were four foreign river vessels less. The decrease in nett tonnage of this type of craft amounted to 3,123.

Statistics of British ocean-going ships maintained a gradual upward trend since July—99 in July, 103 in August and 109 in September. Foreign arrivals after a two-month mark at 162 dropped to 147 last month.

Norwegian arrivals had a marked decline, from 32 in August to 18 last month.

Despite the maritime strike along the American coast there was only one American arrival less last month and five Philippine absentees.

The number of Chinese and Swedish ships, however, increased by nine and two, respectively.

The tonnage of both British and foreign ocean-going steamers maintained a steady level. Among the 280 foreign arrivals last month were the Russian barquentine Sektan, the French luxury liner Champagne and the Japanese oil tanker To Maru, all making their first post-war entry into local waters.

British vessels of all types totalled 256 also bringing in the highest number of passengers—32,744. The 138 Chinese steamers ranking second, brought in 16,654 passengers, also the next highest number arriving.

River Steamers

River steamers flying the British and Chinese flags brought in 8,003 tons of general cargo and 24,558 passengers. They totalled 280 vessels, with nett tonnage of 121,085.

Among the foreign arrivals were Danish (10), Dutch (15), Norwegian (18), Panamanian (4) and Portuguese (2).

Last month 523 vessels left the colony taking away 62,749 passengers. Two hundred and fifty British vessels of all types departed, and the 30 American ships remained.

About as many people left in ocean-going ships, while 38,337 departed in river steamers, 3,770 more than those disembarking.

Less cargo was taken out by the river vessels. The 278 river craft of all flags carried only 6,399 tons, which is 4,604 tons less than unloaded here.

Companies in Colony

In the colony today there are 46 shipping companies operating ocean runs, while 36 organisations have river services.

Among the 17 British shipping companies are Butterfield and Swire, Macmillan, Mackenzie, Jardine, Matheson and Messageries (Hong Kong). Foremost in the American group are the American President Lines, Everett Steamship Company and United States Lines. There are eight American companies.

The China Merchant Steamship Navigation Company, Seaboard Company and the China Travel Service are prominent among the 41 Chinese organisations. The East Asiatic Company, the Royal Inter-oceanic Lines, Dutch, Messageries Maritimes, French, and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, are also prominent.

Johnson, Wallem, Thorsen and Karsten Larsen comprise the Norwegian group. The Philippine lines are Do La Rama and Bana and Company.

Five companies operate ocean-going and river steamers jointly. They include three British organisations—John Manners, Butterfield and Messageries (Hong Kong)—and the Tai Hing Company and Hoek Blom Company, both Chinese.

Kind Story Fails To Impress

The kindness of Li Man, 23, a casual coolie, netted him six months and banishment, when he was convicted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with possession of 11 tael of raw opium.

According to the prosecution, defendant was arrested during a general search on the third class compartment of a Shantung train where he was found to have 11 tael of raw opium in his possession.

Denying the charge, Li said that a certain man had been following him for sometime and then boarded the same train. The train was suddenly stopped for a general search by the police, the man who had been following him suddenly handed him a packet and asked him to hold it for him for a minute.

After he had taken possession of it he was searched and the drug found on him, meanwhile the other man had vanished.

His story, however, did not convince the magistrate.

GAOL FOR SELLING OBSCENE BOOKS

Taking a serious view of the case, Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday sentenced Li Lam, 29, to three months without the option of a fine when he pleaded guilty to offering for sale literature of an obscene and indecent nature.

Prosecuting, Inspector C. T. Byron of the SCA said defendant, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, had 220 books laid out for sale inside the Southern playground.

An inspection of the books by detectives of his department disclosed their nature and defendant was accordingly arrested.

An order for the books to be destroyed was also made by the magistrate.

Hearing Adjourned

The hearing of the \$20,000 conspiracy and larceny case against Yip Fuk-shor alias Yip Plk-sin, 47, Lee Chung, 40, Tong Man-kin, 32 and Yip Ying-ho.

The defendants in the case are Yip Fuk-shor alias Yip Plk-sin, 47, Lee Chung, 40, Tong Man-kin, 32 and Yip Ying-ho.

All defendants are charged with conspiracy and larceny of \$20,000 on August 28 from Yau Cheng-hwa.

Inspector Woodhead prosecuted and Mr. Marcus da Silva represented all defendants.

Continuing with his evidence, Yau Cheng-hwa said he left the service of the Chinese government about two years ago. He said he was not dismissed but resigned owing to having no more trouble.

Witness said that when he came to Hong Kong he opened an import and export office in Kai Ming Building.

Few Dollars Left

He took \$20,000 from his bank on August 13 and had now only a few dollars left. He could not remember whether or not he had put any money into the bank just prior to August 13 and when asked by defence counsel if he had any objection to disclosing his bank account, replied that he had no objection.

Mr. Silva suggested that a witness was a former Shanghai police officer that he had invented the story to get the defendants into trouble and now he had forgotten part of the invented story.

Witness replied that he did not want to say false information against the defendants, but what he did in this case was for the good of the general public.

Mr. Silva put it to the witness that he had made several blackmailing attempts to get money from the first defendant.

Repeating, witness said that if he ever attempted what counsel had suggested they could have arrested him.

Art Of Cheating

He said that he had learnt from Fung the art of cheating in a matter of 10 minutes, but denied being an adept hand at Fan Tan.

He added that after practising in the game for about half an hour, George Wong came in with a bag that appeared to contain a lot of money.

The game started, and after playing a matter of seven games in which witness won \$7,000 on credit, George Wong suggested playing for cash.

GOLD YUAN CASE VERDICT

When the case in which a married couple was charged with importing Gold Yuan in excess of the amount permitted was called before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday, Revenue Officer D. H. Knox informed the court that he had been instructed to apply for confiscation.

Defendants were Poon Chee-man, 27-year-old doctor, and his 26-year-old wife, Tum Man-chung, who were charged with having an excess amount of \$820 GY, at Kai Tak Airport on October 1.

ROUND-TRIP RATES REDUCED

New reduced round-trip rates between Hong Kong and eastern United States cities will be available to travellers in the Colony on Thursday, J. G. O'Donnell, Pan-American Airways Traffic Manager, announced yesterday.

Arrangements with American Airlines and Trans-World Airline provide for a reduction of 10 per cent on round-trip tickets for the mainland portion of the flight to the cities of Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Pittsburgh and Washington.

Mr. O'Donnell said routes are by Clipper to either San Francisco or Los Angeles where through connections with the domestic lines will be made.

6 MONTHS FOR HAVING OPIUM

Charged with possession of 38 tael of raw opium, Wong Yim-kwong, 27, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

R. O. Redman of the I & E Department who prosecuted, said that defendant was searched as he was disembarking from a ship and found to have four packets strapped round his waist and two packets inside his blanket.

Defendant who had no previous conviction was sentenced as above.

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WHEREAS a double of the opponent's suit can frequently help him in the play, by letting him know he is probably holding important defensive cards, there are other situations in which a double can be of value to your own side. The most fundamental of these is the case in which you have previously bid a suit and are perfectly willing to make your partner lead it. A double then tells him that, unless he has some unexpectedly good defence in sight because of the composition of his own hand, he should lead your suit, the conventional card of K.

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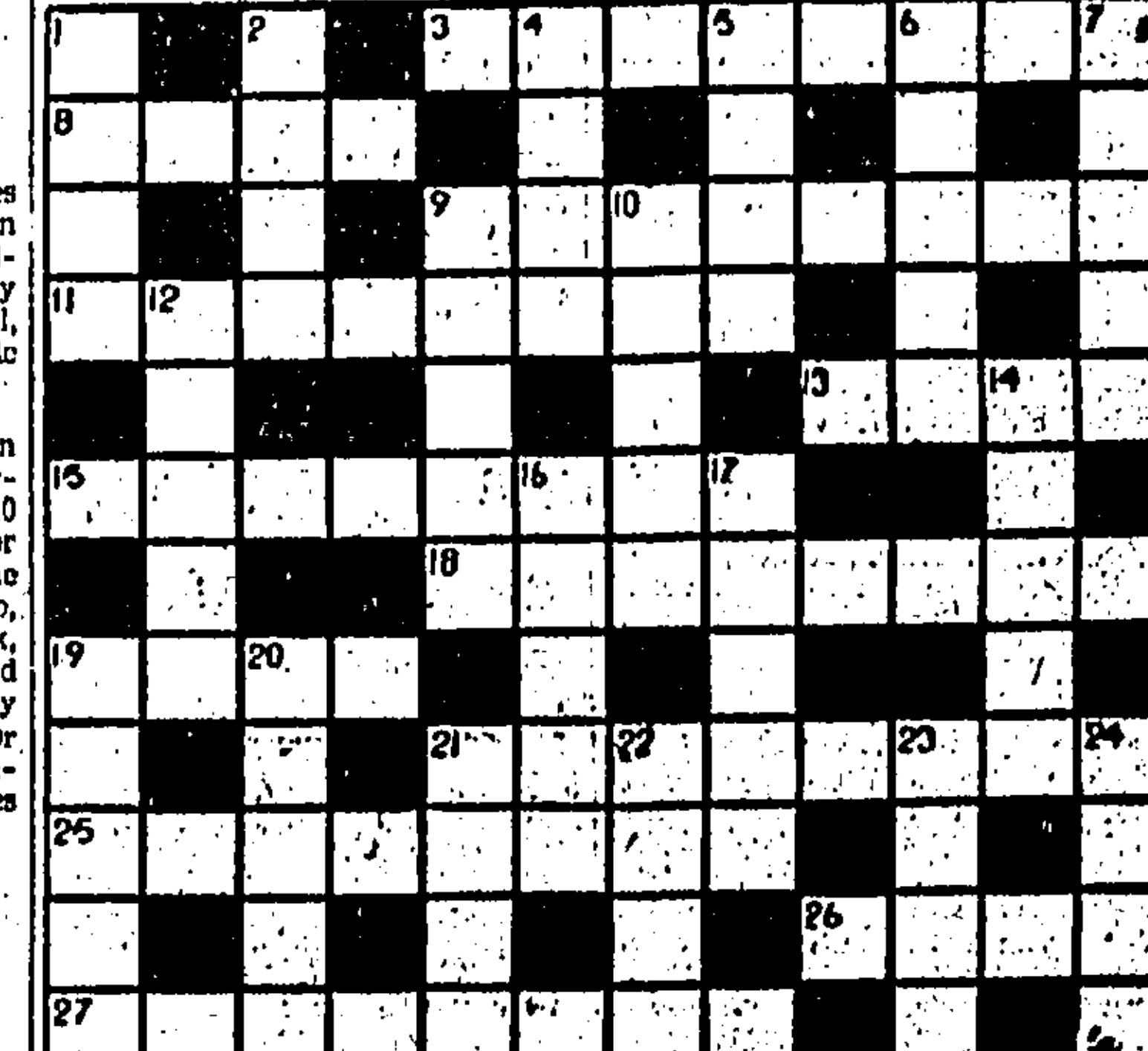
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Clues Across

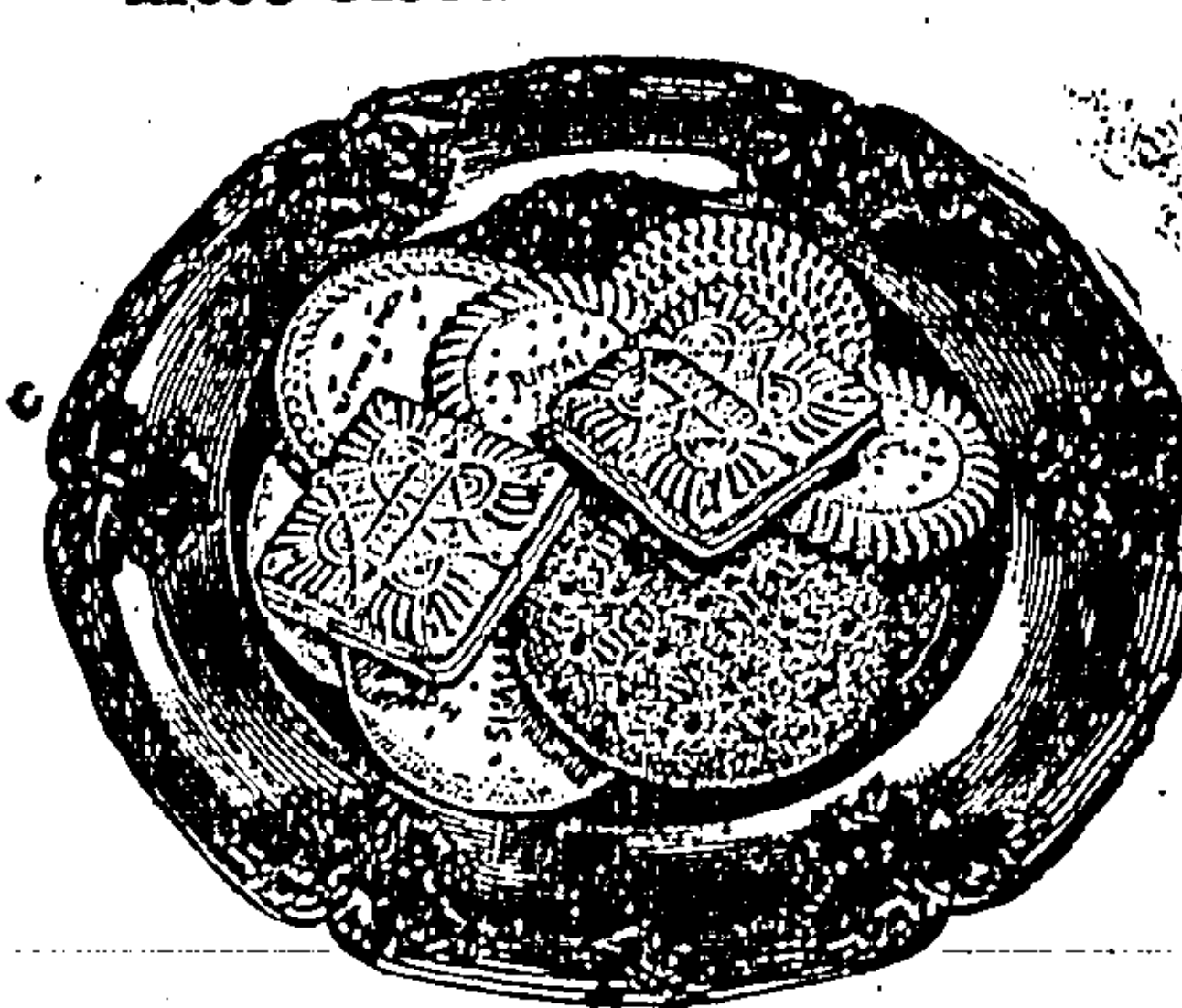
3 Deep. 8 Eager. 9 Literary. 10 Composition on definite subject. 11 Wealthy. 12 Group of. 13 Animals. 14 Exhausted. 15 Love song. 16 Wound. 17 Amused. 18 Trespasser. 19 Beak. 20 Torture.

Clues Down

1 Festive occasion. 2 Ill. 3 Uncommon. 4 Exploit. 5 John. 6 Fear. 7 Pipes. 8 Come in. 9 Swift. 10 Crest. 11 Lukewarm. 12 Prevent. 13 Move. 14 Change. 15 Noblemen. 16 Orifice. 17 Excursion. 18 Uninteresting.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1 Manage. 4 Order. 7 Monument. 8 Utter. 9 Client. 11 Emerged. 13 Concede. 15 Dreamy. 16 Merit. 17 Alliance. 20 Tithes. 21 Optard.
Down: 1 Mimic. 2 Anire. 3 Elected. 4 Obtuse. 5 Divulges. 6 Resaped. 10 Ignorant. 12 Meddled. 13 Conbat. 14 Estate. 16 Exact. 17 Yield.

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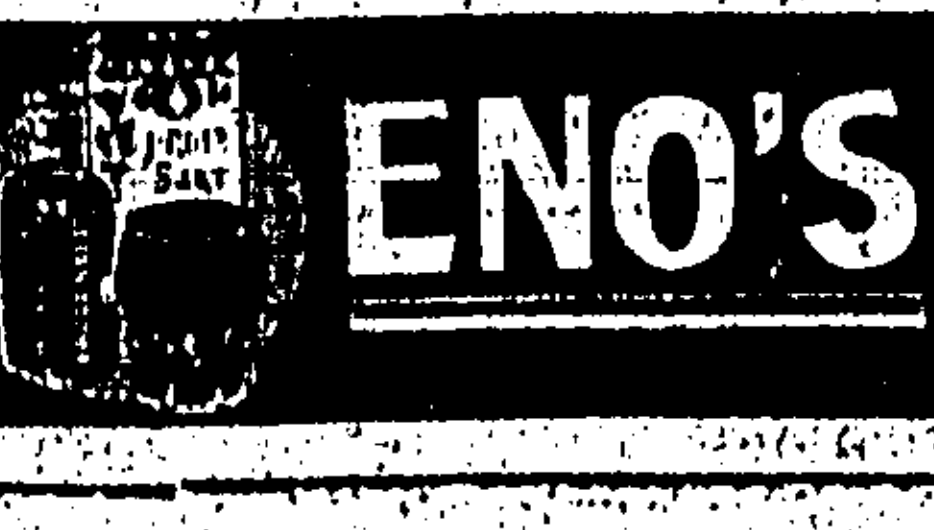
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Archduke Otto Brands Russia

Manila, October 3. Archduke Otto, Pretender to the Austrian throne, said in Manila that Russia is holding back World recovery. The Archduke, visiting Manila en route to the United States, told reporters that "without Communism the rehabilitation of the whole world would be much faster and perhaps would be an accomplished fact by now. Only the Russians and Communism prevent the world recovery that would have come easily because of technical progress, especially in Europe." The Archduke arrived from Paris to the Middle East and visited India, Siam and China before arriving at Manila. Associated Press.

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1.30 p.m. Interlude.
1.45 p.m. From Foreign Lands.
2.00 p.m. Class Day.
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2.30 p.m. Philharmonic Society (Lancaster Road) (H.K.T.S.).
2.45 p.m. Jazz, Dances and H.K. Music Orchestra.
3.00 p.m. Weather Report and Announcements.
3.15 p.m. "The Last Trail" from the Philharmonic Orchestra.
3.30 p.m. The Talk of the Week.
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Helsinki, October 3. Political observers here express fears that Russia will make new claims on Finland following the visit to Moscow of the Chairman of the Finnish Communist Party, Aimo Aaltonen, and Vilho Pessi, its Secretary. They state that new Russian claims have generally followed such visits in the past.

For example, Russia asked Finland for a military assistance and friendship pact shortly after the visit to Moscow of Mrs. Motta Kuusinen, Finland's leading woman Communist and her husband, Yrjö Leino, Minister of the Interior until last May.

Finland's Communist Party would give no clear indication of what Aaltonen and Pessi were doing in Russia.

The greatest worry over the visit has been caused by accusations in the Communist press that Finland's new Social Democratic Cabinet which replaced the former Coalition Cabinet in which Communists held the leading posts, is breaking the peace treaty and "bringing the country back into the dangerous paths of reaction which led us to war against the Soviet Union in 1939".

Specifically, the Communist newspapers, quoting their own sources and Moscow press and radio, have been accusing the Government of:

Shooting Clubs

(1) Shuttling their eyes to the formation of "shooting clubs" in the provinces of the former Grand Duchy of Finland. The civic guards were disbanded under the peace treaty which binds Finland to dissolve "all organizations of a Fascist character".

(2) Acquiring an untidy large number of Army officers weapons in order to revolt if Russia should ever try to occupy Finland.

(3) Unwisely planning to disband the secret police whose task it is to see that Finland carried out the terms of the armistice and that she proceeds against persons classifiable as "Fascists" under the peace treaty.

(4) Allowing the Prime Minister, Carl August Fagerholm, to have "comprehensive economic and political discussions" with the American Minister in Helsinki, Mr. Avra Warren.

Fagerholm, in a speech to Parliament on the budget, emphatically denied the Communist allegations that the shooting clubs in the Lahti district were encouraged military organizations.

He added that the allegations that he had "comprehensive economic and political discussions" with Mr. Avra Warren.

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Ho Chi Minh Declaration

Baigon, October 3. Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Indo-Chinese autonomy movement—Vietminh, said today that the "Vietnam Republican Democratic Government" and the Vietnamese people were still prepared to collaborate with the French people "on a basis of independence and unity", according to the Vietnamese news agency.

Ho Chi Minh said the Vietnamese had decided to reject independence and unity "of a degrading character" which "French reactionaries" accorded to the puppet, the Emperor, Bao Dai and General Nguyen van Xuyai, resident of the Central Vietnamese Government.—Reuter

body on principle since pro-war days when its main task was to track down members of the Communist Party, then illegal.

The French Minister of Justice, Tauno Quinquards, in an earlier statement explained that one shooting club had been formed since the armistice in 1944. It was quite legal and non-military and its main purpose had been to train Finnish marksmen for the Olympic Games.—Reuter.

CYPRUS 'UNITY' CLAIM

Nicosia, October 3. Buses and cars flying the blue and white flag of Greece today converged on Nicosia to join in the biggest demonstration ever organised by the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus to demand unity with Greece.

About 50,000 people attended a meeting at Nicosia which was led by 30-year-old Archbishop Makarios and three of his bishops.

The meeting mostly and enthusiastically supported speeches claiming King Paul's reported recent statement to an American journalist that claimed Cyprus for Greece.

Among the points raised in the speech was that no compromise could be made in the recentment against the British government's closed door policy. This was an allusion to Lord Winster's dissolving of the Consultative Assembly following non-co-operation by Greek representatives.

Doctor Derwis, anti-British Nationalist leader, told the A.P. that the people of Cyprus stand by the Atlantic Charter and their right of self-determination not to be slaves to the British "milk and water" administration.

The city was crowded with excited and good natured demonstrators singing the Greek National Anthem and waving flags and banners.

A world memorandum is to be issued by Makarios on Monday putting the case for the cessation of British rule in Cyprus.—Associated Press.

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Communist Purge Of Czech Enemies

Prague, October 3. The Communist regime has many enemies, according to its own admission today. This week it is preparing to pass a law to treat them more harshly and put many of them in labour camps with or without trial.

Many have already paid heavily for their opposition. An incomplete check today showed that at least 120 had been sentenced within the past two weeks, many to long prison terms and three to death, for various forms of "anti state activity" ranging from failure to report illegal leaflets to full scale espionage.

At least 100 more have been announced arrested within the same period and announced arrests during the past month are believed to run to many hundreds.

The latest development in the campaign against the opponents of the regime, was today's report of the arrest of 30 persons, one of whom was accused of preparing to assassinate Premier Antonin Zapotocky.

Such communiques have become daily commonplace since September 8, the funeral of Dr. Benes, when the Government said that a "revolutionary plot" to

Severer Sentences

After this week, communiques are expected to multiply still further and report severer sentences. On Wednesday, Parliament is due to pass a new law which covers a long list of offences and provides stiff sentences for all of them from treason and espionage to "insulting the President".

The draft law, approved by the cabinet in July, was further broadened and strengthened last week by the Parliamentary committee who were obviously under the influence of the campaign.

Among the committee additions was the provision for the establishment of labour camps to which anti-regime offenders may be sentenced to serve part or all of their prison sentences. Some groups were arrested in Prague film theatres last month for coughing or shuffling their feet in protest of an official Communist anniversary film.

These were reported to have been sent to labour camps for a short period without any formal trial.—United Press.

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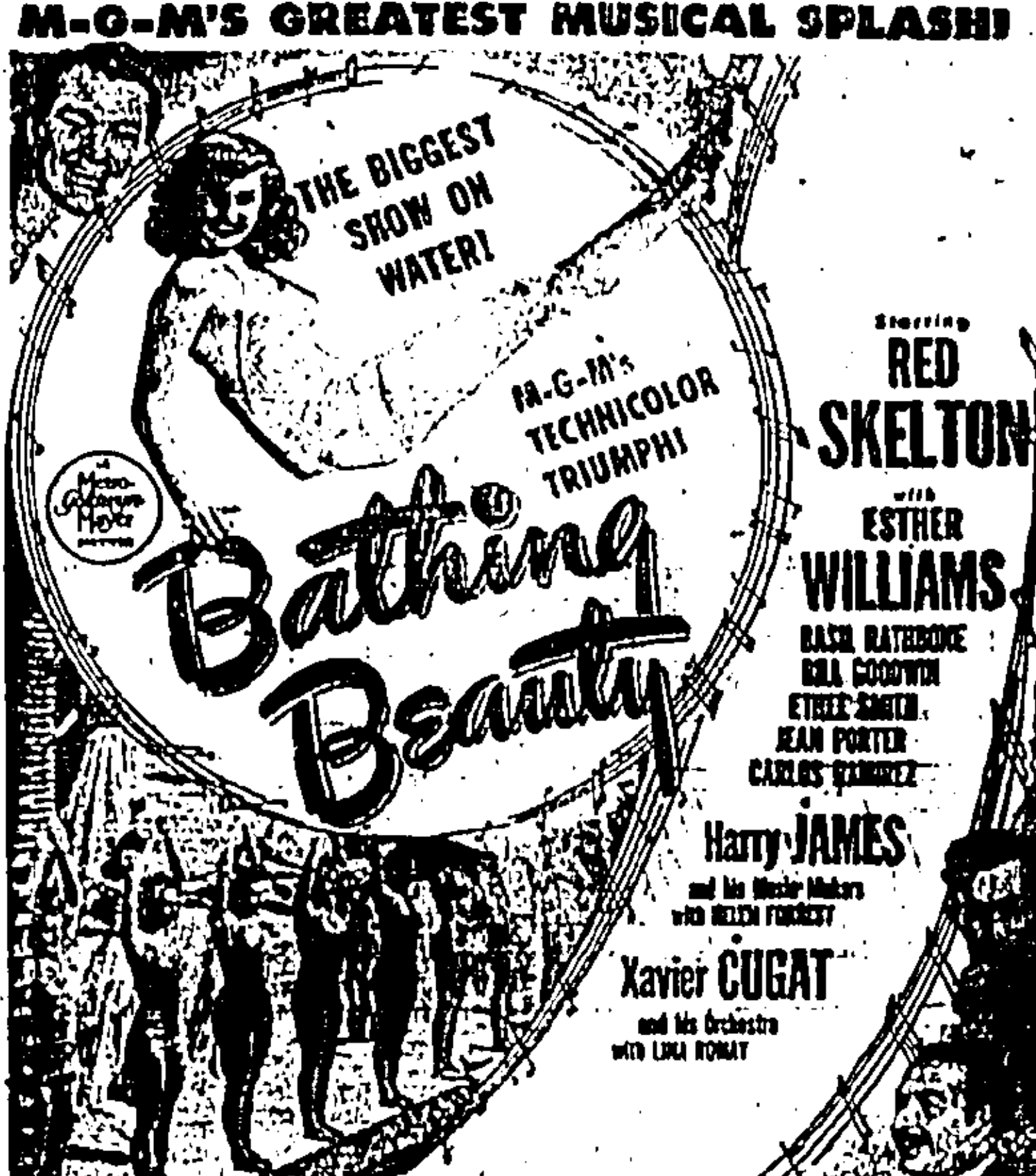
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The Stilwell Papers



Cantonese. Commanded at Changsha. Generalissimo and Madame both liked him up, and he said he would to turn him into a tiger. Tu has previously been under him. He is to tell me everything, and we are to be together. Lin Wei is to be relieved. It was obvious that Lin could not handle Tu, but I rather think Lin is a tough bird and can do it.

Anyway, this is a major victory for me and I hope it will clear the air. The G-mo will himself go down and make it very plain to the boys that I am the boss.

When you consider their history and experiences with foreign troops, this is really a handsome gesture. The Chiang Kai-shek is making. Of course, the flood of letters will continue, but maybe even that will be tempered a bit by this visit. Madame understands what it means and promises to help in any way she can, which is a whole lot.

APRIL 3—Good sleep at last. Woke up without a worry. What a wonderful feeling. To office. Nap.

APRIL 4—To office. Chiu Lung, P'u [?] office at 11:30. Waited at field till 2:00 p.m. Flight called off. Back home. Nap. Tomorrow is Easter.

We are making arrangements for the April 8/9 party (the Double Eight Party) but the three essential things have all been bombed. Look! Can't just present the party with the Japs? Suspect talk in Washington.

APRIL 5—Bad weather. Off at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at Kunming at 2:00. Lung Yun [?] the governor of Yunnan province] in. Comical little duck.

Lashio at 3:00. Burma rifles and baggage for G-mo. To Porter House for Lin Wei's exposition of the situation. Clare Luce here. No change in Yedasho front.

On Stilwell's return he found the front had withdrawn to the north but was still intact. He proceeded swiftly with his plans, hoping to fall back on Pymnanna where his main forces were concentrated. He drew the Japanese under him into a trap; bloody their noses; and then, if necessary, retire in orderly fashion toward Mandalay.

His first action, however, was to make a swift inspection of the eastern flank of the Sixth Army (fronting Thailand) to ensure its security. Having disposed the Sixth Army on the Thai border and left behind several American officers to make sure that his directions for security should be enforced, he returned to headquarters at Kyaokae to put the finishing touches on his countermeasure.

APRIL 6—Off at 5:30 for Maymyo. Took [Clare] Luce along. Arrived at 11:00. Situation about the same. We still have a chance.

7:00 p.m. Meeting with Alexander, Chiang Kai-shek, etc. Chiang Kai-shek told it on thick and Alex told his side of the story; parted in amity. Chiang Kai-shek said, "Consult General Stilwell; he has full powers to handle the Chinese troops."

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

yell over the phone endlessly, sometimes not even appearing when I left. My nominal position being his "chief" and I [commander in chief] this was of course a serious breach of manners. Lin Wei, my alleged chief of staff, simply ran away from Pymnanna to Maymyo without telling me he was going. This was when he felt the attack by the 22nd was going to be forced. I chased right after him and caught him at midnight in Maymyo. Away from Tu, he agreed absolutely with me, and got the order out. Then, of course, the "system" got going, and Tu nullified the order by telling Liao to simply put on an act.

The fact that Tu felt he could treat me with gross disrespect indicates that he took his cue from the highest quarters. What I have to tell Chiang Kai-shek with a straight face that his subordinates are not carrying out his orders when he all probability they are doing just what he tells them. In justice to all of them, however, it is expecting a great deal to have them turn over a couple of armies in a vital area to a goddam foreigner that they don't know and in whom they can't have much confidence.

The worst has happened in the press. Before I have a chance to get my feet on the ground, a flood of crap is released, to justify which I would have to be in Rangoon within a week. What a sucker I'll look like if the Japs run me out of Burma. I hope this command business is settled promptly, so I can go back to the front and hide.

MADAMISSIMA [Madame Chiang Kai-shek]

A clever, brainy woman. Sees the Western viewpoint. (By this I mean she can appreciate the mental reactions of a foreigner to the twisting, indirect, and undercover methods of Chinese politics and warring.) Direct, forceful, energetic, loves power, eats up publicity, pretty keen on her history. No concession to the Western viewpoint. China's foreign relations. The Chinese were always right; the foreigners were always wrong. Writes entertainingly but superficially, with plenty of sarcasm for Western failures but without mention of any of China's little faults. Can turn on charm at will. And knows it. Great influence on Chiang Kai-shek, mostly along the right lines, too. A great help on several occasions.

Chiang Kai-shek has been so long and has so many yes-men around him that he has the idea of infallibility on any subject. He is, however, determined and forceful, and wants to get on with the war. He is not mentally stable, and he will say many things to your face that he doesn't mean fully or exactly. My only concern is to tell him the truth and go about my business. If I can't get by that way, the hell with it; it is patently impossible for me to compete with the swarms of parasites and sycophants that surround him.

APRIL 2—I am always wondering what the hell I will have to put down next. And usually expecting the worst. Went over to Huang Shan [Generalissimo's summer residence] to get the answer, which is the appointment of Le Chao-ying as my executive officer. Lo is a snappy, energetic, forceful character, about 45.

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MIDDLEY—To Maryan, nee Da Silva, Brighouse, Yorkshire, a son, Raymond. Both well.

DEATH

HARDIE—On October 4, 1948, at St. Theresa's Hospital, Malcom Leuchars Hardie, aged 39 years.

JAPAN'S FUTURE

When students in Shanghai and Peiping thought fit to concern themselves with the possibility of Japan becoming restored to economic well-being and indulged in rioting on that account, it was emphasised by the Chinese authorities that there was no danger of such a contingency. The students declined to accept every such assurance, official or otherwise and when further announcements were made on behalf of the United States they continued to indicate profound disbelief. It is probable that the report on the subject by the former Premier, General Chang Chun, will be received by equal incredulity. Chang Chun, has recently made a trip to Japan to see for himself. He last week broadcast his findings and declared in fact that the fear, with which the students said they were inspired, are in fact non-existent, adding that while China should guard against the resurgence of Japanese militarism it should also actively help direct Japan towards economic democracy in an Asiatic new deal. He believes that SCAP is doing a thorough job and that the chances of Japan building an adequate military strength to cope with another war is slim indeed. And he urges that, in dealing with Japan, China should dispel passive and useless suspicion and apprehension and stop criticising and pointing a censorious finger at others.

It was well known at the time of the student demonstrations, and everything was done thoroughly to impress the fact, that the policy of SCAP is designed to make Japan of no military significance for the future. She is never to be allowed to be able to wield the sabre over the rest of Asia as in the past; and Chang Chun has stated frankly his view that while there may be and is still room for criticism regarding detail of SCAP's general programme the scheme is as well thought out as it is being executed. That opinion is of value for it is to be expected that if there were very much which supported the views held by so many in China he would not have hesitated to say so. Chang Chun speaks of certain traces of historical poison still existing in Japan. By that it is assumed that not all of the military caste has been eliminated, nor the big commercial combines utterly eradicated. That may very well be. It may also be that by the time SCAP has ceased to function, when its mission is completed, those last traces of historical poison will have gone. If he refers to the retention of the very considerably curtailed imperial system there is no reason to believe that ultimately the Japanese will either further modify it or wipe it out altogether.

Considering the undoubted

MARCH 26—If the Japs will only subside just for today, we have a chance. Hot day. I believe the crisis in this business was when Chiang Kai-shek said he would put the troops out entirely if the British didn't hold Prome. He'd have done it too, no matter how hard the British fought. It was essential to get the Chinese committed, and that was my worry when he fled me and would not release the 22nd and 60th. (The way to handle him is undoubtedly the slow way, letting the ideas trickle. Therefore always be slow to put an unacceptable plan into action.)

Japs were active all night. Pymnanna road—riot among British soldiers at Yennang-yennang. British destroying the oil fields. Good God! What are we fighting for? Civil government orders. He'll be on the railroad. Crows running away. No trains below Pymnanna. No trucks. How [shall I] get the 22nd [Division] in? Report of Japs at Yedasho cutting road, and railroad. Ching Kai-shek got phone call to Liao—groundless. Long belly-ache back and forth.

Tu had one of his depressed fits and everything was wrong. The track might spread, the trip was dangerous, how protect the trains, etc., etc. Everything was against attack. "Mei yau pan fa" [It's impossible]. Ching Kai-shek's terrible when he's like that. Arranged for shuttle, Pymnanna to Yedasho. Told Martin to hold a gun on the crews and get the trains through. Captain Snow working on it. We are staying tonight and will let it simmer. Tomorrow we'll see [two will discuss again]. (Tu is a hard guy to handle; he must have everything just so.) Sent Wyman and Haymaker to Pymnanna to report. Last train of 22nd passed Pymnanna at 7:00. Looks a bit better. Snow phoned he could get them through. Wyman back at 10:45. Encouraging.

Went to see Tu. Queer reception. (Lin, Tu, Shao, all in the dumps.) It came out that they thought the 200th had been wiped out. 1230 last message. Was to give up mentally. I felt the 200th was still there and kept talking attack. Argument after argument. Tu went into his room and wouldn't come out. At 1:00 a.m. a message from Tai [the commanding general of the 200th]. O.K. in Tounpoo. We'll, once again, bloom to joy. "Now we can do it," etc. I insisted that we attack on the 27th, early or late. "pu yao chin" [It makes no difference] but AT-TACK. Tu said "Ming Tien" [tomorrow] [tomorrow we'll certainly win]. Well, a terrible load rolled off me. I had visions of the 200th gone, and the 22nd compromised and what not. Now it's just a question of getting the 22nd in. A report at 3:00 a.m. from Lin indicated that two trains were still at Pymnanna. (Anybody that wants my job can have it.) At 9:00, Snow reported all five trains had cleared. Now Tu says he isn't concerned about troops, but rations. Holy Christ.

The basic cause is Chiang Kai-shek's refusal to let me to concentrate at Pymnanna. Everything trails from that and the delay by Chiang Kai-shek of the 22nd at Mandalay. Some bastard at Pymnanna stopped the move from 1:00 to 4:00 a.m. Who was it? (Tu came back, too incredulous, doesn't supervise execution. Tu thinks that a victory can be compromised by a goddam slip on the railroad.)

MARCH 27—To bed at 2:30. Conflicting reports at 9:00 a.m. of 122nd Division moving through Pymnanna. Finally sure that the trains are still there. 2:00 p.m. Everything is optimism once more. 65th and 64th [Regiments] in position, 66th behind them, guns and tanks ready. Jump-off at 4:00 p.m. Japs burning out-skirts. Leaving? Too much to expect.

Later. It was too good. Now they [the Chinese] are down again. "They have 40 tanks," "They have 105's," etc.—Tu. Wants to wait till situation gets tough, I guess, 200th easier 22nd can be ready tomorrow a.m. "Will they attack then?" "Well, don't know. Must shang liang [think it over]." Tu again went into his room. I guess it's impossible.

difficulty of spiritually making over a nation, it is remarkable what has already been achieved. No one expects that it will be complete in this generation, or even the next, for the alteration of national characteristics cannot be achieved in the twinkling of a decade or two. It is a long process. All that can be said at the moment is that Japan as a military power has ceased to exist, that to restore her to the position she once held would not be an easy matter if she were left to her own devices. With the controls which are already in existence, and which may be continued for a long time, to come the chances of Japan ever becoming a menace to China are remarkably small. They will continue so and increasingly if China in the meantime fits herself for the role she should play in the Pacific.

At 6:00 Martin in to say that the British had started to withdraw from Prome. Well, this will raise hell. Martin much ashamed about it. What to do? Tu is too much for me. I can announce that I can't command troops that won't attack. Show-down on Tu. What can Chiang Kai-shek do? Long talk with him. Tu and Lin are playing politics, of course. And Chiang Kai-shek corresponds with both. So they try to kick me around. Lin Wei shows off without telling me; he was afraid of being planned. Left at 17:00.

MARCH 28—In [Maymyo] at 3:30 a.m. Saw Alexander. Alex said Chiang Kai-shek agreed to command the British. British planes all gone to India. No one at headquarters know about it. Oh, you independent air force.

Saw Lin Wei, who agreed with me throughout. Kept at him till he agreed to [transmit] the thing (the order) to Tu. So the orders finally and under pressure O.K. I won't feed with Tu but make Lin do it. 22nd [Division] to attack. 60th to hurry in and back up. 55th to dig at Pymnanna. Will they get it off? I wonder. Letter from Madame [Chiang]. British command accepted by Chiang Kai-shek. Talked with staff. Notified Alexander and Lin Wei. Shoved off at 4:00. Reached Pymnanna at 10:00 (rock on road — just a bit of sabotage). Tu came in and talked about the situation and the attack tomorrow. He accepts the order all right. "I think we've lost our nerve," (What's the matter?) We will go around the salient, and cut in from three directions — at midnight phoned Maymyo to have Gruber call on Alexander for a real attack, not just a piddie. Major Hill took the message.

MARCH 29 (2:00 a.m.)—Maymyo called. "Message delivered. They promise to do it." (Hot day.) Left at 9:30. Yedasho at 12:40. As usual, they are begging it. General Liao, the 22nd Division's commanding general, is a colorful bird. He wants to wait for the 60th [Division] and I suppose the commanding general of the 90th for the 55th, etc. Full of excuses—how strong the Jap positions are, and how reinforcements are coming. Two days ago it would have been easy, but now it's "They'll drag it out and do nothing, unless I can somehow kick them into it. The order read: "Push in outpost either tomorrow or day after, attack in force toward Tounpoo."

Tu goes back to his room; I must also, or be thought to be interfering (with his troops) behind his back. O.K. I'll try to be patient a bit longer. NOT as hell. We were all dried out and exhausted. I am mentally about shot. Mer-At 9:00 a.m. 12:00. Limes will attack in force with all tanks. Good old Slim. Maybe he's all right after all. Order of the day is that "Chinese are attacking under extreme difficulties and it's up to the British to follow the example. Gave this to Tu in long language and called on him for a real effort. Full of excuses as usual. Now wants to go back to Pymnanna and has held the 2nd Regiment of the 90th Division there, thus making it impossible to concentrate at Yedasho in time. (Wind up on sabotage.) The last regiment is being held at Yedasho because a Jap flank detachment is out there somewhere. It's all a bunch of crap. By Jesus, I'm about fed up.

MARCH 30—To bed at 1:30 as usual. Alternatives row at hand. Let it ride and do nothing. Right snafu. Oozz out and demand own force (make a statement "Now that command is unified [under Alexander] I believe it would unnecessarily complicate the situation if a third country national remain").

Snoozed off at 9:30. Liao and Tu have dogged it again. The pusillanimous bastards. No attack at all. Front quiet, no Jap reaction. Just craven. Liao [commander of 22nd Division] moves command post back a mile. Tu ordered him not to attack till 9:00 and 55th get in. Wavell here.

MARCH 31—Saw Wavell and Alexander. Explained the situation. Shoved off at 12:00. Chungking at 2:00 a.m. [UNDATED] THE "SYSTEM". Chiang Kai-shek says "J. W. Stilwell can command the Fifth and Sixth Armies." Then I get lengthy language on the psychology of the Chinese soldier, and how the Fifth and Sixth must not be defeated or the morale of the Army and the nation will crumble, together with a cockeyed strategic conception based on the importance of Mandalay. Then I have a chile of staff assignments from Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters. So go to work.

Then the flood of letters begins. To Tu. To Lin Wei. To me. All of them direct. I never see half of them. They direct all sorts of action and preparation with radical changes based on minor changes in the situation. The Chinese commanders are up

and down—highly optimistic one minute, in the depths of gloom the next. They feel of course the urgent necessity of pleasing the Generalissimo, and if my suggestions or orders run counter to what they think he wants they offer endless objections. When I brush off these objections, they proceed to positive measures—for instance, stalling the move to bring it to bear—or just fail to get the order out, or getting it out with a lot of "ifs" and "ands" in it, or when pushed, simply telling lower commanders to try out and not carry it out. Or just put on a demonstration and report on a report too strong. I can't shoot them; I can't relieve them; and just talking to them does no good. So the upshot of it is that I am the stooge who does the dirty work and takes the rap. (This is what I hope will be corrected by the conference April 1.)

APRIL 1—APRIL FOOL DAY. Am I the April fool? From 3/19 to 4/1 I have been struggling with the Chinese, the British, my own people, the supply, the medical service, etc., etc. Incidentally, with the Japs.

Through stupidity, fear, and the defensive attitude we have lost a grand chance to slap the Japs back at Tounpoo. The basic reason is Chiang Kai-shek's meddling. Had he let me concentrate at Pymnanna, we would have been set to attack. Had he not stopped the 22nd Division when I ordered it in, we would have had plenty of force to cut off the Japs when they first went around Tounpoo. Had he not gone behind my back to Tu and Lin Wei, they might have obeyed my orders. He can't keep his hands off; 1,600 miles from the front, he writes endless instructions to do this and that, based on fragmentary information and a cockeyed conception of tactics. He thinks he knows psychology, in fact, he knows everything, and he wobbles this way and that, changing his mind at every change in the action. We hang on, and he says, "Get all set for a push right into Rangoon." He is a gloomy report and sends word to dig in at Pymnanna. He urges the British for falling back, and does the same thing himself without reference to them. He is hipped on holding Mandalay and can't see that the way to hold it is to lick the Japs at Tounpoo. He lets the natives sabotage decide the strategy of the campaign. He tells me to keep in my own sector and have nothing to do with the British and then says Alexander can command. He lets Yu Fei-peng send me 50 trucks, when I tell him I need 150.

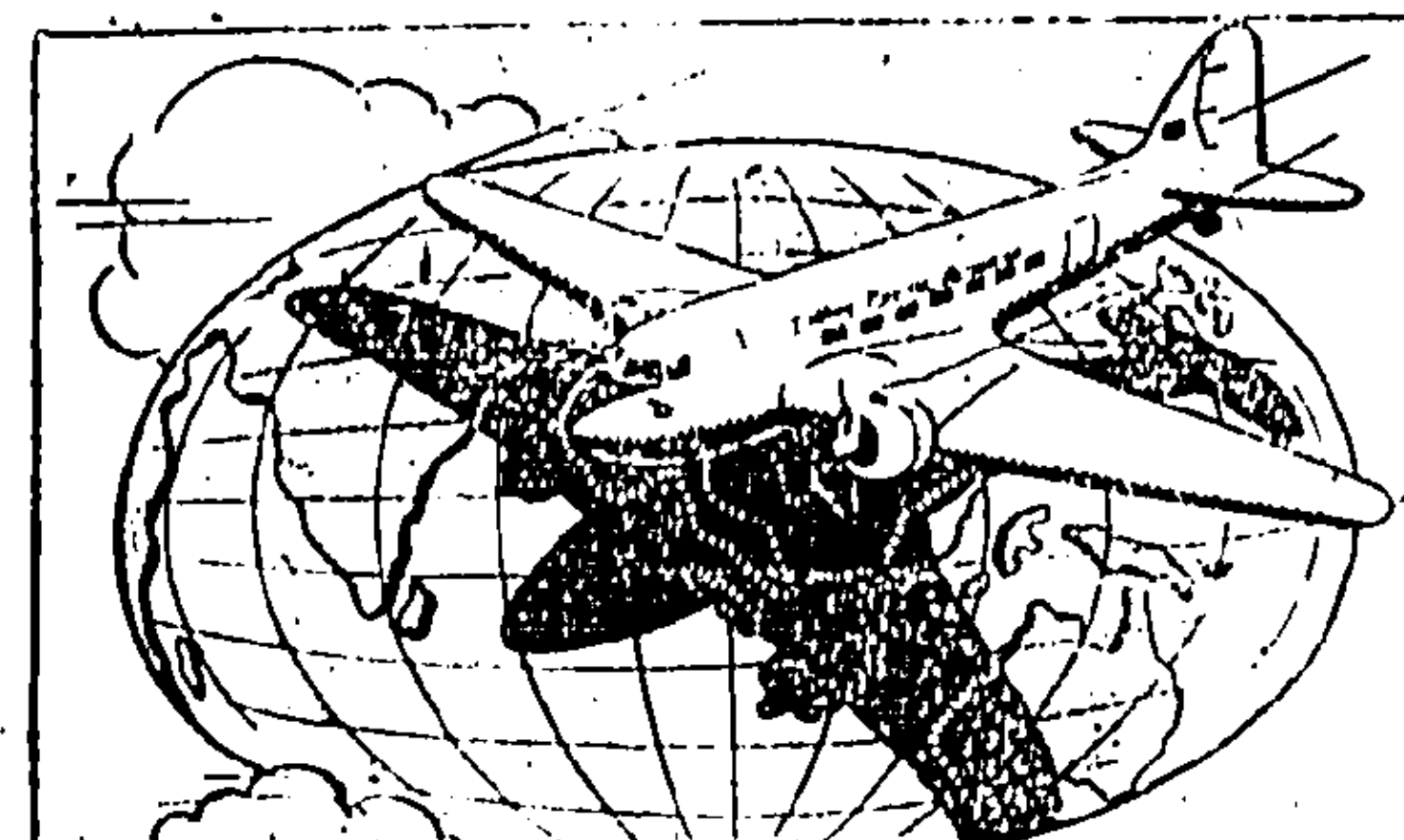
His constant interference and letter writing have the effect of completely nullifying my little authority. I have no troops, no bodyguard, no authority to shoot anybody. The army and division commanders are really interested in doing what they think he wants them to do. Why should they obey me? They know the beans. Said Chiang Kai-shek himself was ordering retirement to Pymnanna line.

At 12:00 went down [to Chiang Kai-shek] and threw the raw meat on the floor. It was quite a shock. Pulled out punches and said I'd have to be relieved. He said, "Why won't they obey?" "I'll investigate and if the division commander disobeyed, I'll shoot him." "Did General Tu order a retreat?" "I can tell them they must obey and we can straighten it out," etc., etc. He asked him over and over and proposed a new army of Burma, under my command. Asked him to consider that too. "Said probably I would not be accepted now, anyway, and that since Chinese had accepted British command presence of a third country national was no longer necessary. Told him, however, I couldn't put American air units in support of troops in whose commanders I had no confidence.

It was a very frank interview, and the bombs burst rather loudly. In plain words, the army and division commanders had failed to obey, and I had insufficient authority to force them to obey. Shang Chueh is shocked and Chiang Kai-shek and Madame are worried.

How to evade obeying an order? By General Tu, commanding the Fifth Army. "How can we attack? They have 105s and we have only 75s," or "They have 40 tanks," or "The 60th can't get here in time," (Create a condition by failing to act, and then plead it as an excuse for not acting. For instance, fail to move the leading regiment of the 90th by truck.) Or "They have a flank detachment out there." ("Well, put a battalion against it and go ahead." But it takes a regiment, or a half a 44-mm. battalion.) Or "There are new troops; we have to give them a chance to get used to it," or "The Burmese are making trouble in our rear," or "The trains will run on the track," (actually). Or "There is a break on the Tounpoo line which will take three days to repair," etc., etc.

Tu's method of getting rid of my impudent suggestions for attacks was to go out and telephone. He would scream and



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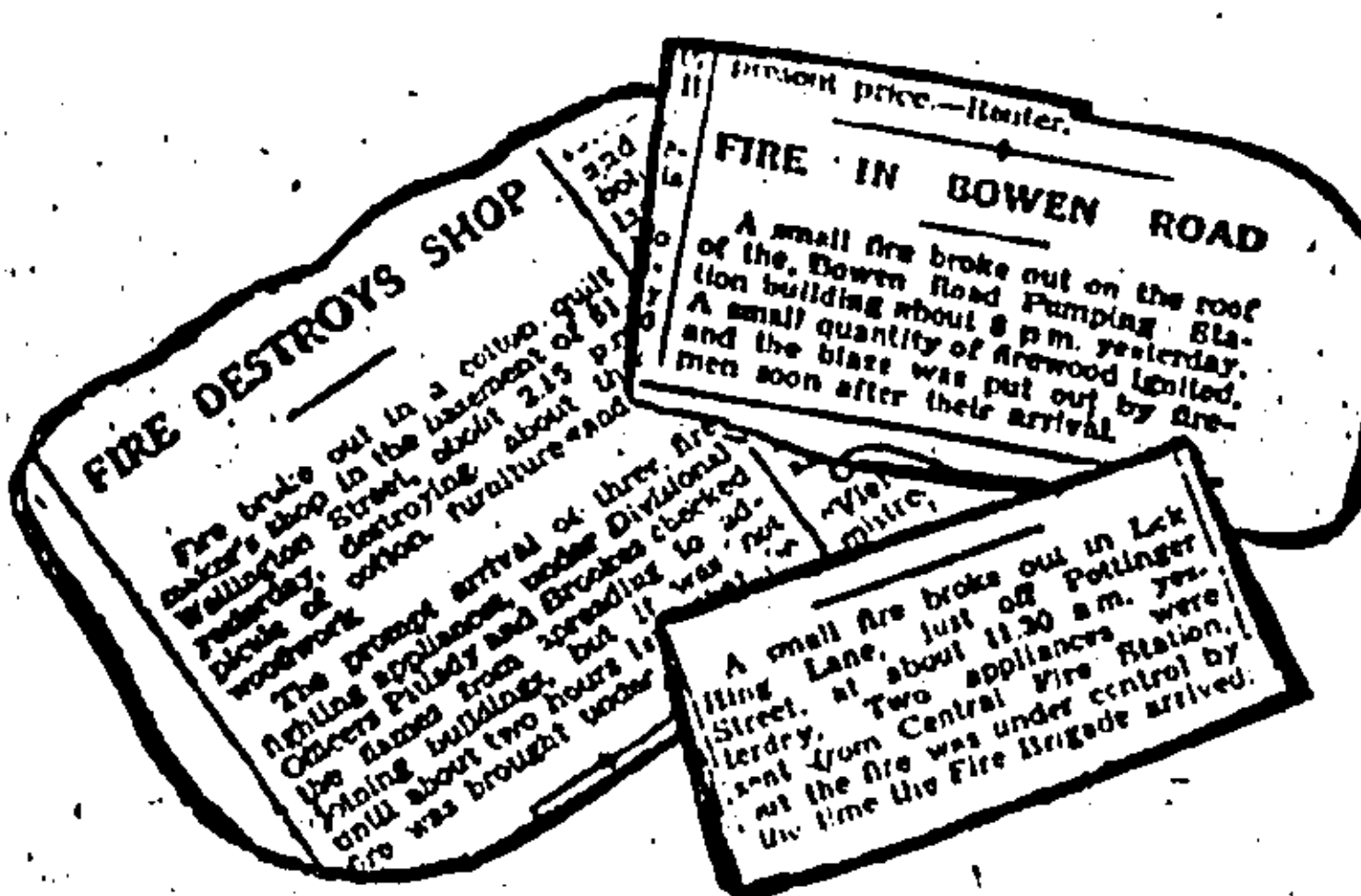
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BLEAK OUTLOOK IN CHINA

NANKING AWARE OF DANGERS

Peiping, October 4.

The military situation for the Nationalists in China is worse today than it has been since the civil war began.

No Leaks In Grain Buying

Washington, October 3.

A Congressional sub-committee reported today that it had no evidence that speculators had "leaked" in on leakages of information about Government grain buying plans.

It declared, however, that had dealers realized substantial profits on advance information passed out by a Commerce Department employee in September, 1947.

The committee investigated charges made in the House of Representatives and the Senate that commodity speculators had made handsome profits from "inside information."

A majority report, signed by the sub-committee's four Republican members, said the Government's grain purchases in the past two years had been primarily responsible for the high prices and to a large extent for the rising food prices generally.

A minority report signed by the three Democratic members called the majority opinion "an indirect attack upon the great programme of world recovery which the United States has been following since the war."

The report—the third made by the sub-committee—covered Government grain transactions from July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1948. Nearly 1,200 million bushels of grain exported by the United States during this period "was the controlling factor which caused a scarcity and the higher prices for grains and feed for livestock," the report said. Large exports also led to decreased supplies of beef, pork, poultry and dairy products, it added.—Reuter.

McARTHUR'S POLICY QUERIED

Washington, October 3.

A high US labour official said today that occupation objectives in Japan are being changed by General Douglas MacArthur.

Mr. James S. Killen, former Chief of the Labour Division of the occupation forces, said in an interview that General MacArthur's refusal to allow employees of Government agencies to strike proves his contention.

"Initial occupation policy recognised the necessity of permitting the Japanese the maximum measure of freedom in the exercise of their new-found democratic processes, consistent with the objectives and security of the occupation," Mr. Killen said. "In recent months there appears to be a redefinition of the objectives on the part of the occupation authorities."

Mr. Killen said the refusal to permit government workers to strike "terminated all collective bargaining relationships in the government and government workers' union."



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Nanking is doubtless aware of the dangers. President Chiang Kai-shek's visit to Peiping to plan ways and means of countering the enemy proves this.

In the past two weeks, the Communists have done much. Besides taking Tsinan, the capital of Shantung province, they have punched big gaps in the Nationalists' corridor in Manchuria, and by their drive in Inner Mongolia, they have virtually closed North China's back door.

The capture of Tsinan helped them establish a belt stretching from the Shantung peninsula to Inner Mongolia, through Hopei and Shansi provinces, and in effect, completing the vast encirclement of North China.

Through their successes in Manchuria, the Communists have paralysed the Nationalists' ground communications, isolated China's No. 2 government base there, and neutralised Port Hulan.

If they take Chinghsien and Hulan and gain full control of the railway between Chinghsien and the Great Wall, Nationalist armies in Manchuria would be completely bottled up with, at best, only an air bridge to Mukden.

The Reds would then be in a position to divert strong forces from Manchuria for operations elsewhere.

Across Great Wall

They could try to conquer the whole of Inner Mongolia, or, if it suits them better, to move in strength across the Great Wall for a thrust at the very heart of North China—Peiping and Tientsin.

Burma Forces Hit Rebels

Post Office Staff Detained

London, October 3.

Four members of the staff of a post office research station here have been suspended with full pay pending inquiries under the "purge" of civil servants believed to have Communist affiliations or sympathies, it was learned today.

These are the first such suspensions in the postal service, the secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants said today. He added that official letters sent to the four men alleged association with the Communist Party "in such a manner as to create doubts about their reliability."—Reuter.

WESTERN UNION DEFENCE DILEMMA

Paris, October 3.

General Alphonse Juin, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in North Africa and Governor General of Morocco, has had two long interviews with M. Vincent Auriol, the President of the Republic, since his return from North Africa.

This has strengthened the persistent rumour that General Juin is unwilling to accept command of the Western Union land forces under the plan agreed this week by the five Western Union Defence Ministers.

Well placed French observers believed the President tried to persuade General Juin to accept the post under the overall presidency of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Britain's Chief of the Imperial General Staff, after an initial refusal.

It is impossible to confirm whether General Juin shares General Charles de Gaulle's belief that a British permanent chairmanship of the Western Union Defence Board would prejudice the necessary continental defence interests.

General Juin's reported reluctance to identify himself with the plan is certainly not the only reason for France's 11th-hour request for a postponement of the publication of the communiqué announcing details of the proposed organisation, including names of Allied officers charged with commands under it.

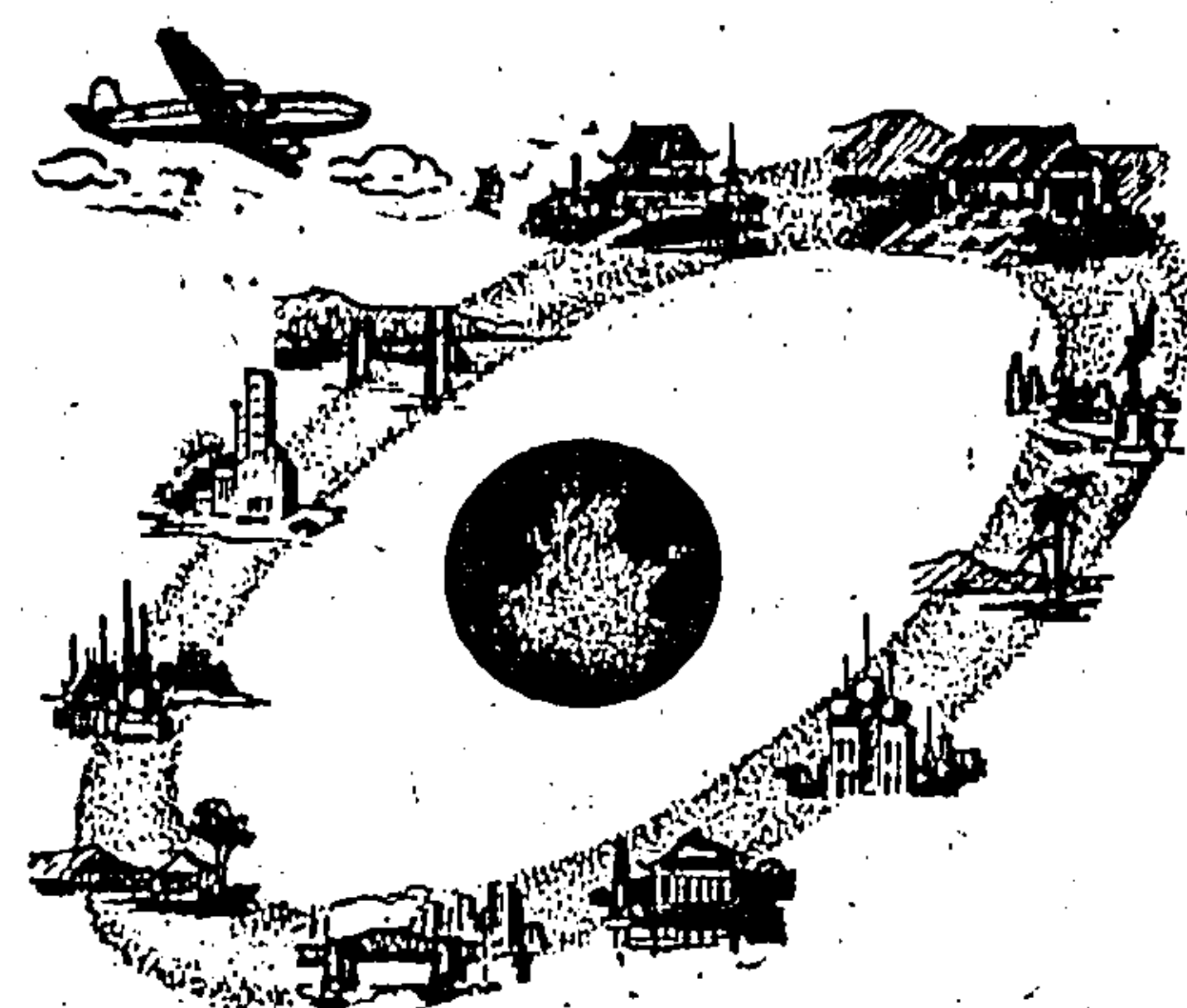
A Real Influence
French observers are becoming unanimous that General de Gaulle's criticism of the defence plan at his press conference yesterday had a real influence in the decision of the French Cabinet to delay the communiqué and to discuss the question again next Wednesday at the weekly Cabinet meeting.

One cynic, not necessarily of the French Government's inclination, offered by French political observers is that the present Cabinet includes Ministers who fancy their chances of continuing to hold office under a Gaullist regime. It is thought that these Ministers will not after next November's Presidential elections.

Western Union officials here remain confident that the French request for a delay of the communiqué does not mean a fundamental holdup in the broad design of joint defence planning. They attribute the delay to internal French considerations arising from the delicate situation of the present Government.

General Juin, as Commander-in-Chief in North Africa, occupies a key post in the training of any future French Army, since North Africa is France's traditional training ground for her land forces.

Observers with special knowledge of French-American negotiations during the past few months recall that continued French attempts to get something concrete from Washington or from American statesmen in Paris in the way of a hard guarantee to arm France against an immediate emergency have been countered by the argument that nothing definite can be done until after next November's Presidential elections.



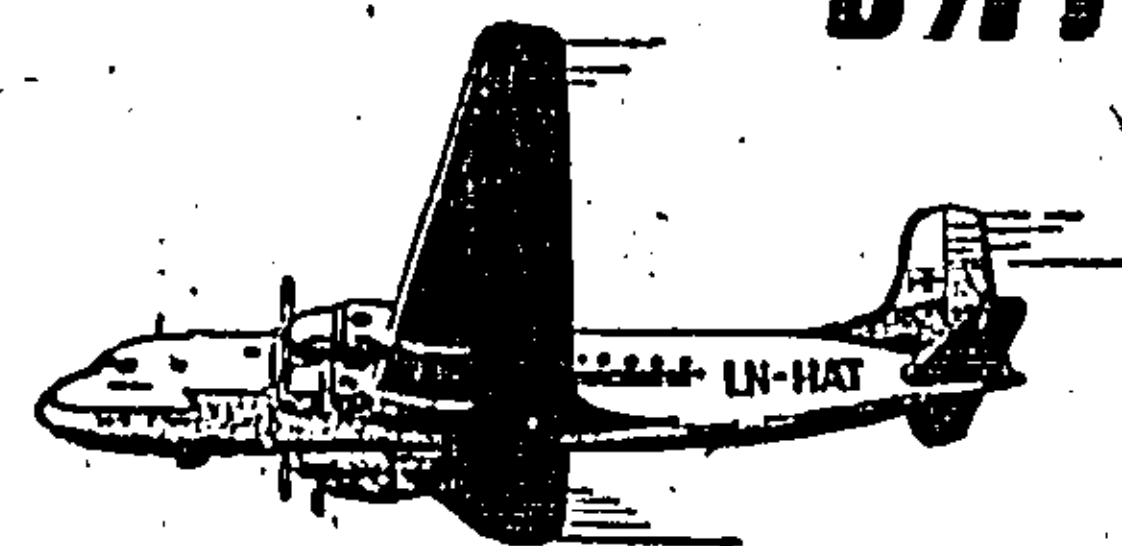
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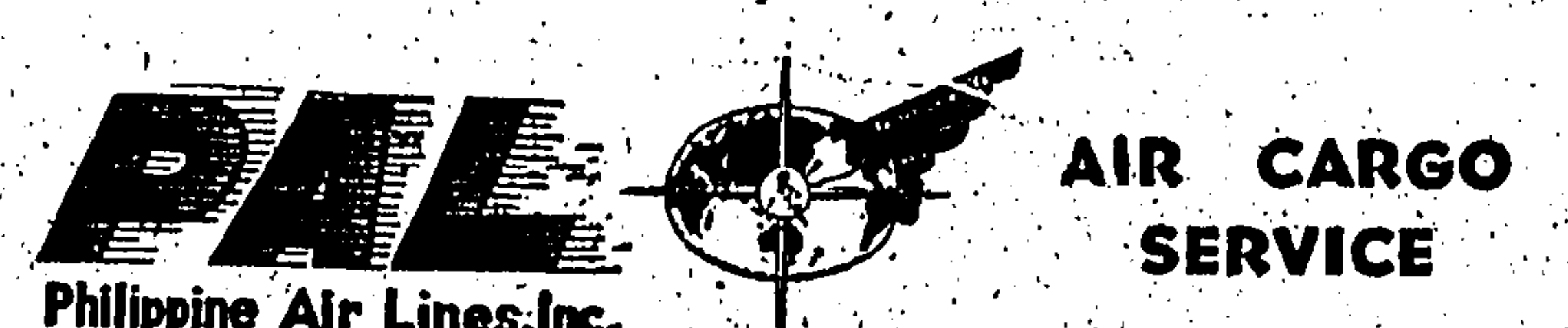
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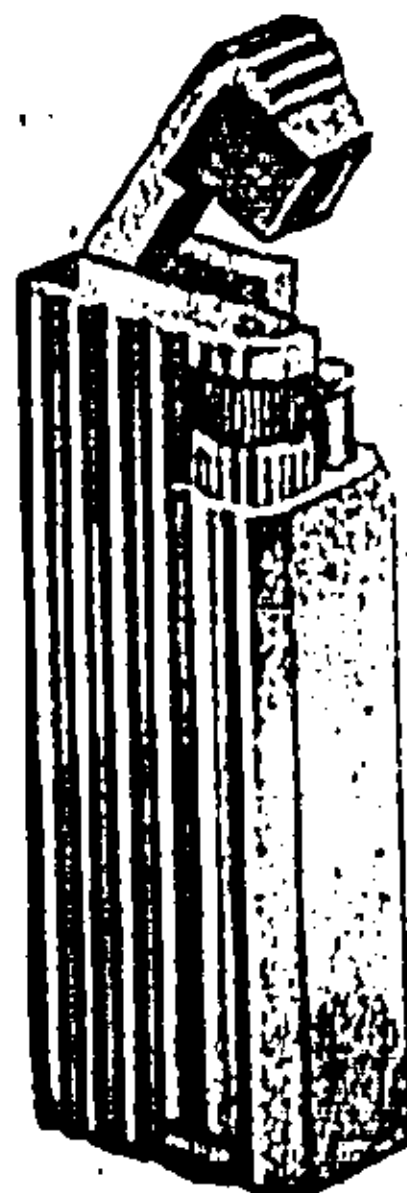
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CHAPTER VIII

"You're surely not going to that archery tournament, Robin? You're not fool enough for that, are you? You know it's a trap!"

Robin, disguised as a tinker, strode on ahead paying no heed to Will Scarlet who trusted after him sulkily. With him, along the dusty road, tramped fat Friar Tuck, as a merchant; Little John as a returned Crusader; Much-the-Miller's-Son and Allan-a-Dale as yeomen. All the company carried bows and arrows and quarrel-staffs—and all gazed at their beloved master as if they were his sworn foe. He was whistling now as he stepped it merrily. Allan-a-Dale grabbed him sternly and forced him to a halt as the others clustered about. "You've got to listen to us, Robin! Prince John and Sir Guy and the rest have just cooked this thing up to take you!"

"Maybe so!" said Robin with a careless shrug.

"They're right, Robin!" panted rolypoly Friar Tuck. "Once they get you inside Nottingham gates they'll—"

The others joined in the protestations. "Where's your sporting blood, Robin?" yawned Much. "Sir Guy accepted our invitation! We'd be rude not to accept his..."

"It'd be a bit ruder," suggested Will, "to get your neck stretched!"

"Ah," sighed Robin, shaking his head sadly. "My hand is getting fat and over-fed! No more lots of lights, risk, adventure! No more fun hearing Sir Guy's and the High Sheriff's blood vessels pop with rage when we wave farewell... Too bad, too bad!"

"Well now, when you put it that way, good master!" chuckled Little John. And everybody grinned at everybody else a bit sheepishly.

At last they came within sight of Nottingham Castle and mingled with the throng on their way to the tournament.

"Does every man know what he's to do?" murmured Robin, for he had been coaching them along the way. "Aye," whispered Little John, "Will Scarlet's with 'em now, mixing with the crowd on the tournament field!"

As the group scattered and entered the brilliant and banner-hung courtyard—they saw the gay and purple and gold—and, in a blaze of jewels, Prince John—Lady Marian, Sir Guy and the High Sheriff—surrounded by knights and ladies.

There were tiers of seats for the spectators and at one end of the field were pitched gaily colored tents, one for the archers of each knight. At the other, targets were set up.

The stands were crowded with people and more were streaming in. All was noisy and clamor. The sound of the herald's trumpet cast a hush over the field. "Know-

ye that the archers of Sir Guy will now compete against all comers. Step up, ye bold bowmen of England and see who shall carry off the prize... the golden arrow from the hand of our Maid of Honor, Lady Marian Fitzwater..."

The crowd broke into wild applause and along with several other bowmen of the people, Robin, Little John and Friar Tuck in their disguise left the crowd and with bows over their shoulders, walked toward the targets.

As the contest progressed Marian thrilled at the thought that she recognized Robin. Sir Guy noticed her interest with his own suspicions. The High Sheriff, bent toward him. "It seems to me there's something familiar about the cut of that tinker's..."

"Guy? You don't suppose..." Sir Guy did suppose. "Marian, my dear," he said casually. "...that tinker... would you say that you'd seen him before?" She had steeled herself for just such a question. "And if I had seen him before," she said casually, "what interest would a tinker have for me?"

The contest had narrowed down to three. Little John claimed that Friar Tuck had spoiled his aim—Friar Tuck blamed Little John—and they were soon in a rough-and-tumble fight, archers and attendants running to separate them. It was Robin who dragged Friar Tuck out of the melee.

The test lay between Robin and Sir Guy's archer and the crowd stood and cheered as the tall tinker and the other fitted arrows to their bows.

Sir Guy, Prince John and the High Sheriff had their heads together in solemn conference. "Do you think he's the one?" whispered the Sheriff. "We'll soon know," whispered Sir Guy. "If he isn't," whispered Prince John to the Sheriff, "we'll stick your head on a target... and have a shot at that!"

Will Scarlet and others of the outlaws were pushing their way nearer to the royal box. Robin having tested his bow and fitted the arrow, looks keenly about the field, and then at Maid Marian, whose lovely face was sober and intent.

The arrow of the archer landed within an infinitesimal fraction of an inch off centre, but Robin's arrow hummed into the target with its point buried in the same hole! A hysterical roar of applause arose from the crowd.

"What's your archer captain's name, Sir Guy?" asked Prince John excitedly. "If he beats this stranger, I'll buy him with a thousand gold marks!"

"Win or lose, I'll give him to you, Sir, for a favor..." said Sir Guy grimly. "that you'll let me deal with the wolf's head in my own way."

"Done!" exclaimed Prince John

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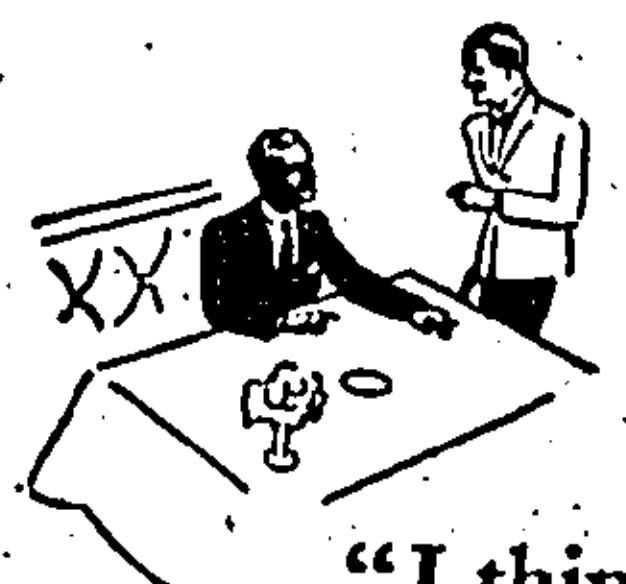
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Strange Object Sighted

Fargo, North Dakota, October 3.
Lieutenant George German, a National Guard fighter pilot, was flying over Fargo in darkness when he caught sight of a mysterious object aloft headed against the city lights.

In a signed statement for Air Force intelligence he described how he chased the object for 30 minutes.

It was round, light and perfectly formed with no rays leaving its body he said—and although at times his speed reached 400 miles an hour it easily outmanoeuvred and outdistanced him.

German's testimony was corroborated by another pilot and two control tower operators who watched the chase with binoculars.—Associated Press.

heartily. "I'm leaving for Norway, anyway, so you may do what you please with him..."

Marian who had overheard, stared at the field, her face set with apprehension.

Again Robin's magic bow struck home.

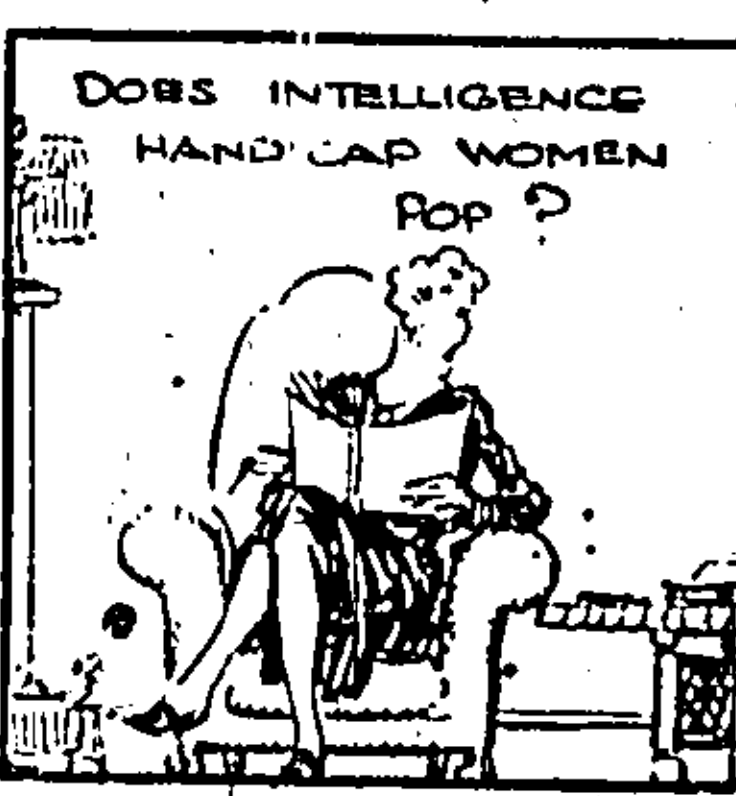
The crowd went mad. Waving, cheering themselves hoarse, they left their stands and milled across the field to Robin. They hoisted him shoulder-high and started to carry him across the field to the royal box. As they bore him through the crowd he was conscious that his own men, in disguise, formed a thick and protective, but not obtrusive wall about him. He was also aware when the surging crowd forced his own men into the background. As his bearers stopped before John and uncovered, he leapt lightly down. Sir Guy, the High Sheriff and the other knights, as well as the wily Prince John were scanning him with narrowed eyes.

The Lady Marian fought with her wit to control her fear. One of the men-at-arms nodded back as Sir Guy looked off to the entrance and raised his arm in a signal. Then an officer gave a quiet command to his men and they began to push through the crowd toward Robin and a large force of mounted troops began to file through the courtyard. Dividing into two sections they waited the field with steel.

"What is your name, archer?"

Continued Tomorrow

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GRATEFUL GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS

Hamburg, October 4.

The German generals awaiting trial in Hamburg as war criminals have written a letter of thanks for the comfortable conditions of their detention.

The letter was received on Saturday by Brigadier R. Thomson, commander of the British troops in the Hamburg area.

It was signed by the four prisoners, Field Marshals Walther von Brauchitsch, Karl Rudolf, Gerd von Rundstedt, Fritz Erich von Manstein and Colonel General Adolf Strauss. It spoke of the "gentleman-like chivalry" of Brigadier Ridley Thomson in providing them with such comfortable quarters.

Apparently conscious of the controversy their detention and future trial have caused in the

British press, the Germans said their wish was to be of no trouble to the British authorities.

The Brigadier commented, "Of course they do not have to thank me for anything. I have just provided the reasonably comfortable quarters I was ordered to give them when they were moved to this hospital."

Each prisoner has a small separate room. They have civilian type beds with fluffy blue blankets. Each room has a carpet, bedside table, bedside lamp, wardrobe, occasional table, armchair, mirror and hot and cold running water. There are several bathrooms in the block. As an anti-suicide precaution, the doors have no locks.

The dining room is austerely but comfortably furnished in the typical style of a British officers' mess. There is a sitting room with plenty of armchairs, occasional tables and a radio loaned by the hospital staff. The wives take their meals with their husbands and are free to come and go as they please.—Associated Press.

Prisoner John addressed Robin Hood.

"Godfrey of Sherwood."

"How is it that a tinker learned so well the use of arms?"

"Even a peaceful tinker must protect himself... from treachery..."

"It's earned you more than you bargained for today..." Prince John stood and with a sardonic smile went on, "I pronounce you Champion Archer of England! And from the gracious hand of Lady Marian Fitzwater... you will now receive your reward!"

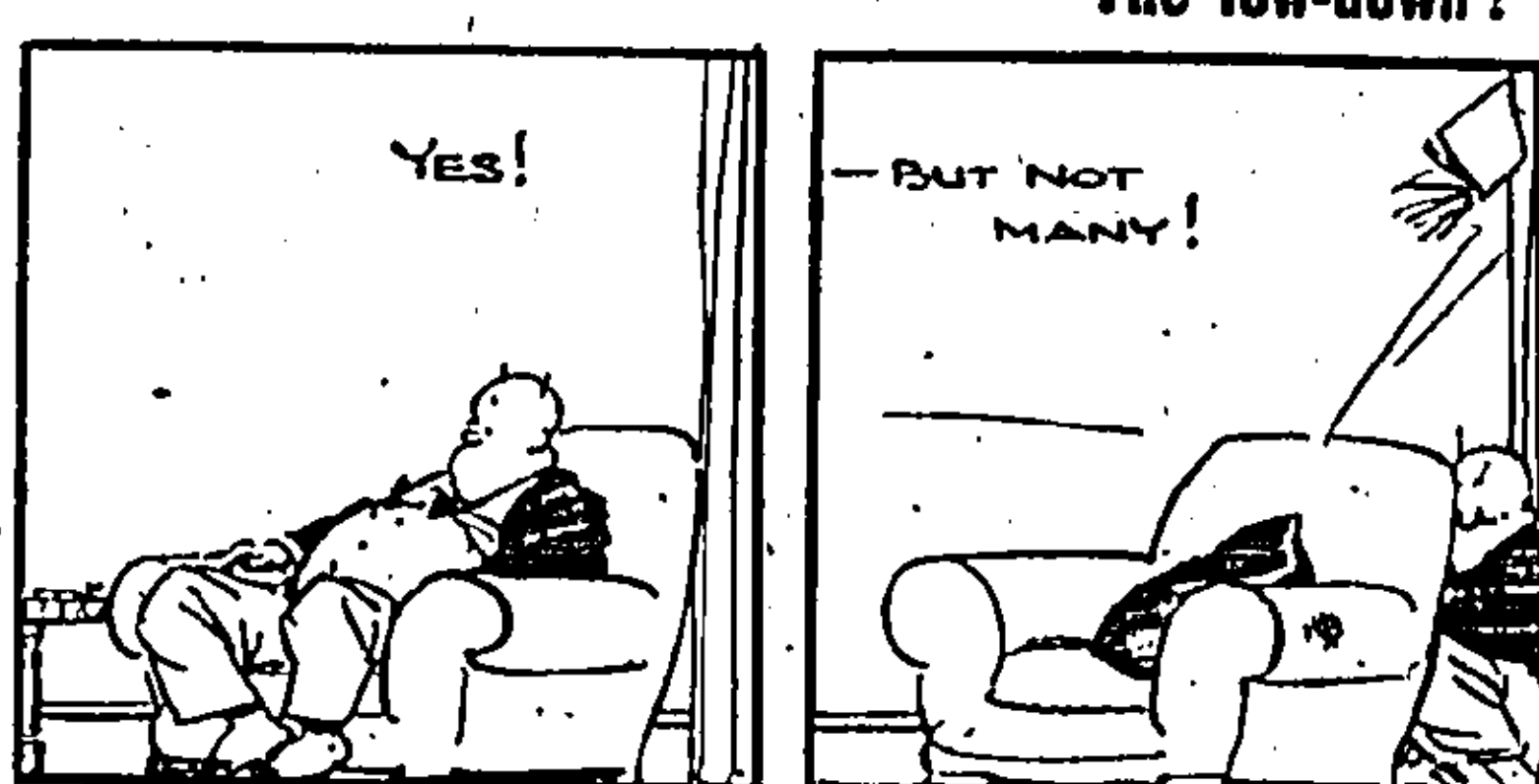
A servant approached with the Golden Arrow on a crimson cushion. Marian took it and turning toward Robin, tried in vain to warn him with her eyes. She glanced off at the encircling troops and the white hand that held the arrow trembled. Prince John's men were pushing closer. Robin's men were also closing in. The Lady Marian saw no way out. Robin did.

"I... here is your prize, Sir Archer..." she stammered faintly.

"It has been my dream to receive it from so beautiful a lady."

"Your voice, tall tinker," said Sir Guy blandly, "has an oddly familiar sound... It can't be that we've met before! Or can it?"

POP



WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN SCOTS, ENGLAND

London, October 3.

England and Scotland—nominally at peace since they fought their last battle at Flodden in 1513—are at each others' throats again in a war of words.

The dirk and claymore are sheathed; the long bow and the gun no longer face each other across the border, but pen and typewriter are being wielded with deadly effect. Heads are falling as fast as they did when the English executed captured Scots at "merry" Carlisle and the Scots handed out their traditional border justice, which was to hang a man first and try him afterwards.

The Royal Society of Saint George began its protest by protesting that writers for the press and radio were sinking England's identity in the word "Britain". This Society, named after England's patron saint, accused "a considerable body of writers, journalists and broadcasters of a criminal determination to avoid mentioning England and the English at all costs, even in contexts where it was wrong to use any other term."

The "junior partners" in the United Kingdom—Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland—retained their identity, the Society said, and asked "why should not the English, who comprise 82 per cent of the total electorate of the United Kingdom?"

Strongest Exception

Scotland, through the Saint Andrews Society, has taken the "strongest exception" to being called a junior partner.

It asserts that for every occasion where "Britain" is used for "England" there are a hundred occasions where "England" is used to denote the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

So far Wales and Northern Ireland have kept out of the fight, but there are fears that any day they may send out a verbal expeditionary force. Southern Ireland, under its new name of Eire, is out of the battle now.

Post is not expected until all writers and broadcasters have learned to write "England" or "Scotland" where only one country figures in the story and "Britain" or "United Kingdom" when two or more come into it.—Reuter

POPE RECEIVES ANDREW LANDI

Vatican City, October 3.
Pope Pius XII today received in private audience Monsignor Andrew P. Landi, director of War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Organization.

Monsignor Landi, who had just returned from the United States, reported that the Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a drive for old clothing for the aid of needy European children. He said that 150,000 garments had been collected. The first shipment is expected to reach the Vatican late in October.—United Press.

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Washington, October 4.

Husseini Reported Detained

Cairo, October 3. Jamal El Husseini, the Foreign Minister in the new Palestine Arab "Government", reported yesterday to have been detained in Amman by King Abdullah of Transjordan, has arrived in Beirut on his way to Cairo, according to the Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram.

Husseini is leader of the Palestine Arab Party and Deputy Chairman of the Arab Higher Executive.

He visited King Abdullah on Saturday with the object, according to the Cairo magazine, Al-Hayat, of gaining the King's recognition of the Palestine Arab Government.

"Husseini failed, and as he was preparing to leave Amman, King Abdullah issued orders that he should be prevented from doing so," the magazine said yesterday.—Reuter.

Small-Scale Revolt In Abyssinia

Asmara, October 3.

A small scale Abyssinian revolution in the province of Semien is reported still under way today, more than a week after the rebels were first known to have taken to the field in protest against excessive taxation.

Travellers reaching here said that the rebels were believed to be in control of the mountainous countryside near Gondar, but that the Addis-Gondar road was open.

Government has requisitioned trucks and automobiles to convey troops to the scene of uprising.

When the revolt first broke out, the chief of the province was wounded in a battle with the rebels and the Central Government rushed in troops under the command of Emperor Haile Selassie.

Negotiations between the representatives of the Government and the rebels to halt the fighting are believed to be under way.—United Press.

How would the United States wage the initial phase of a war if the political-diplomatic argument with Russia should give way to shooting by the Russians?

The US military high command, headed by the Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, gave its answer to the Secretary of State in an ultra-secret meeting in Washington recently. There was no official announcement of what the American diplomatic chief was told, other than that he was given an accounting of the United States military position.

What is that position with relation to the reported military capabilities of Russia, her satellites and the armed resources of those European nations that might oppose a Russian march to the West? On the basis of available information, the picture is somewhat like this:

Soviet Russia, with a population of more than 211,000,000, has a vast reservoir of manpower for land armies. Official estimates in Washington indicate the current existence of upwards of 75 divisions of Russian ground force and security troops. These total 3,000,000 men. The last report was that 45 divisions of 558,400 men were in the occupied areas, with another 36 divisions of 1,114,000 in Western Russia.

Eight Soviet satellite nations are supposed to have a total of about 100 divisions of 1,121,600 men. That is a grand total of 4,121,600 men in 274 divisions deployed at or near the point at which war conceivably might start.

A little less than 100,000 United States troops are now in Europe—about 90,000 in the US zone of Germany. In addition there are 5,000 in Trieste.

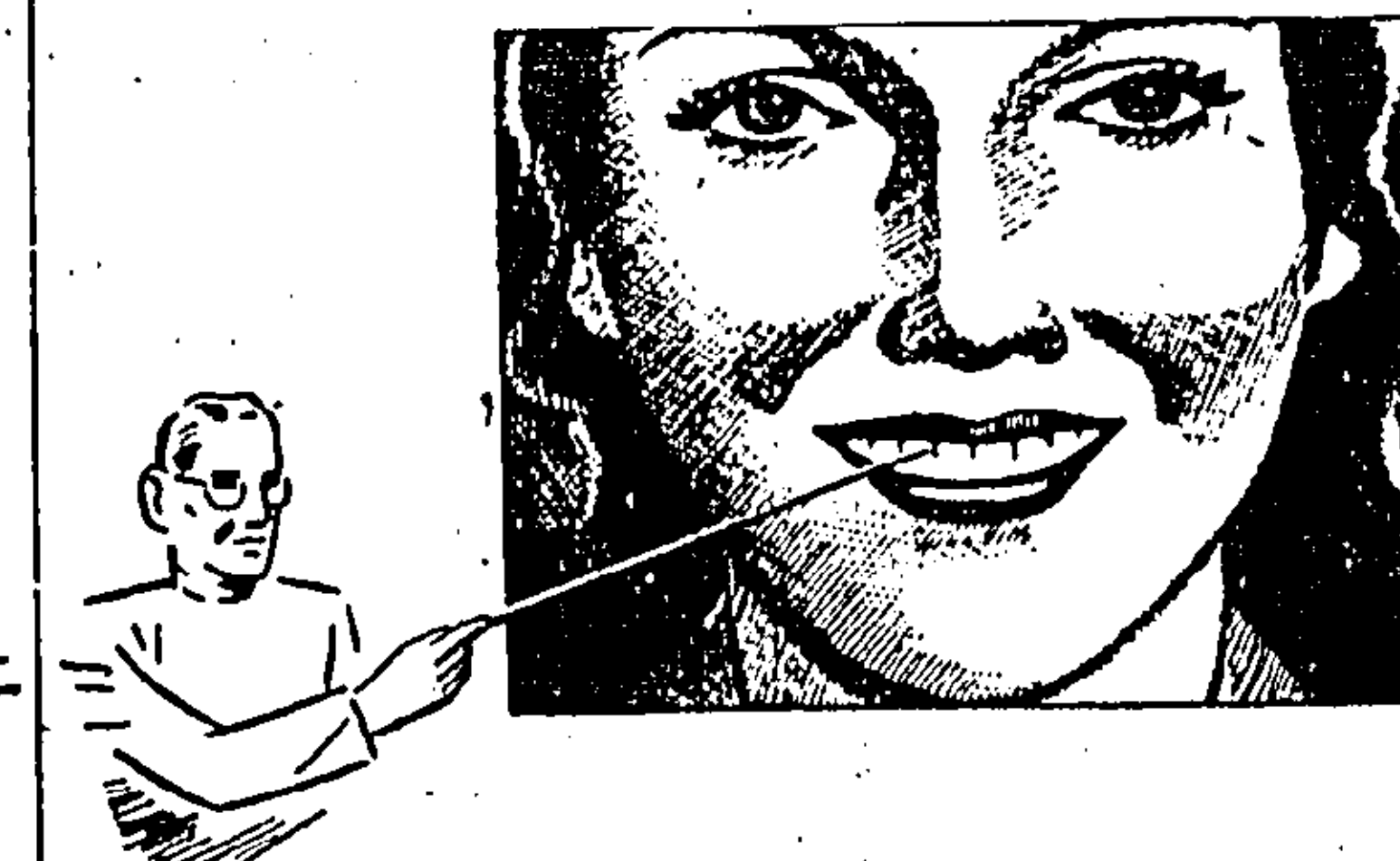
Mobile Striking Force

Back in the United States are about 285,000 soldiers, only 54,000 of them in "mobile striking force" troops who could be hurried in Europe as support or replacements. Other troops are trained down to occupation duty in Japan or garrisoned at offshore posts of the United States.

The total Army manpower of the United States with its population of 145,000,000 is about 579,000. Its goal by next June is 837,000.

Unofficial estimates place the army of the United Kingdom at about 534,000 men. The population of the United States is about 48,000,000. These figures do not include the British Commonwealth nations.

The same unofficial estimates give these troop figures for some of the other Western European nations which might support a battle against any possible eastern aggressor: France, 500,000; Belgium 60,000; the Netherlands 175,000; Norway 15,000; Denmark 34,000; Sweden 57,500; Greece 165,000.



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REDS KILL BRITISH OFFICER

Kuala Lumpur, October 4. Reports reaching Kuala Lumpur yesterday that Communist insurgents killed one British officer and three other ranks two miles from Bidor in Selangor on Saturday. The reports said that in addition, three other ranks were wounded.

Army headquarters later confirmed the reports, which added that the troops were swimming in a jungle river when the Communists attacked. Fellow British soldiers who were standing guard over the swimmers answered the Communist fire immediately, killing two Communists.

It was also reported yesterday that Communist insurgents blew up two lengths of railway line near Sungai Siput in Perak State on Saturday night.

As a result, the night mail train from Kuala Lumpur to Penang, the Malayan Federation's two largest cities, was delayed for five hours till the line was restored. No one was injured in the explosion.—Associated Press.

Process Of Replying Cumbersome

San Francisco, October 3. Communications between Communist groups in Asia are so slow about that Chinese Mao Tse-tung is only now replying to May Day resolutions from Malaya.

The Chinese Communist radio reported that telegrams sent only in May by Chinese Communists in Singapore, Kelantan and Penang reached Chinese Communist headquarters only last Friday. The telegrams commended Chinese Communist May Day resolutions and repudiated Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President of China.

The Communist radio reported Mao, chairman of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, replied to Tan Kah Kee, chairman of the Singapore Overseas Chinese Conference, and other overseas groups.

"Your enthusiasm and excellent views command our hearty admiration. It is hoped that you and overseas Chinese circles will inform us of your various concrete opinions about the convening of the new political conference."—Associated Press.

LARGE-SCALE US COMBAT MANOEUVRES

Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, October 3.

The nation's armed forces gathered nearly 8,000 men and 500 of the best aircraft here for the opening of major combat manoeuvres.

The operation, beginning tomorrow is the first major show of power in post-war manoeuvres since the mounting tension in Europe. The manoeuvres involve three-day demonstrations of the latest techniques in combat. They will show the effect of coordinated air, ground and sea power in lightning warfare against a major objective.

Primarily, the operation is being staged for the benefit of 3,000 students from the Air University, Armed Forces Staff College, Infantry Centre, and the Marine School. From it, the students hope to learn lessons of great value if the nation has to go to war again.

The manoeuvres will spread over three States—Florida, Alabama and Georgia. They will involve everything from the latest Air Force jet fighters and B-29 Superfort bombers to the newest Marine and Navy aircraft and Army ground units.

CABINET CHANGE IN ALBANIA

Belgrade, October 3. The Albania radio has announced a shake up of the cabinet and appointment of a new Chief of Staff. The changes, made on Saturday, were regarded as a direct result of Albanian split with Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito.

Reports in recent weeks reaching Belgrade have told of a crisis in the country over the feud between the Cominform and Tito.—Associated Press.

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ECONOMIC SCANDAL IN JAPAN

Tokyo, October 4.

Japan's economic recovery has been hampered by graft and corruption involving countless millions of yen and men occupying the highest positions in Government and industry. Since late last year, when the Diet Illegal Transactions Investigations Committee began to probe into the disposal of Japanese war stocks, public confidence in Government leadership has been badly shaken by continuing scandals unearthed largely by the Diet committee.

US Worried Over Govt Stockpiling

New York, October 3. American consuls of copper, lead and zinc are concerned over government's stockpiling prospects.

Copper men have been asked to meet the U.S. Commerce Department on October 12 to discuss voluntary allocations to Federal strategic reserves. The following week lead and zinc men have been invited to similar meetings. Industry circles assume tonnage sought for the government stockpile will be similar to those proposed during the quarter just ended. These were 80,000 tons of copper, 10,000 tons of lead, 10,000 tons of zinc. Fears were expressed that such withdrawals might strain the metal supply situation.

The British Ministry of Supply increased its selling price of copper last week one cent a pound on a delivered plant basis. The new price is 25.11 cents. Lead was increased about four cents a pound to 20.1 cents. Zinc roughly three cents to 10.51 cents and Aluminium 1 1/2 cents a pound to 15.61 cents for ingots. Increases reflect higher prices the Ministry must pay for imports under substantially advanced world quotations.

US copper sales for October delivery exceed 87,000 tons. Lead prices were firm and demand brisk. An industry spokesman announced full support of proposed legislation to suspend the copper tariff until March 31, 1952, to be reintroduced when Congress reconvenes.

The price of foreign silver climbed for three consecutive days last week before steady at 70 1/2 cents New York. The London price was 46 1/2 pence. Other nonferrous metals prices: Copper, foreign, 23 1/2 cents; New York, Lead, foreign, nominal, 10 1/2 cents; Gulf of Mexico, Zinc, foreign, nominal, 16 cents; Gulf of Mexico, Antimony, 38.17 cents a pound; New York, Platinum, US\$93 an ounce, wholesale; Tin, US\$1.03 a pound, New York; Quicksilver, US\$75 to US\$77 a flask of 76 pounds, New York; Tungsten Ore, Chinese, US\$22.50 to US\$24, New York. Associated Press.

Disclosure of an order by the then Prime Minister, Prince Higashikuni, to conceal all surplus military equipment and stores between August 14, 1945, and the arrival of the American occupying forces in September of that year, led to revelations that goods so hidden, but since largely disposed of through black market and other illegal channels, totalled more than 50,000,000,000 yen (about £50,000,000).

Biggest of the ensuing scandals surrounding the disposal of this equipment was the Osaka Arsenal and the Maizuru naval depot cases involving hundreds of millions of yen. Similar exposures have been almost monthly events since. The deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Suemoto Nishio, who is at present, before the Tokyo Court of Appeals on a charge of having misappropriated 500,000 yen, is only one of a number of Cabinet Ministers and leading politicians to have faced arrest.

Insignificant Charge

But Mr. Nishio's charge is insignificant compared with some that are pending, according to informed sources.

"To try Nishio for misappropriation in this country is like trying Al Capone for exceeding the speed limit," the leader of one political party remarked.

The former Vice-Minister of Transportation, Mr. Shigefuro Ino, who is at present on trial, is charged with having taken a half million yen bribe to ensure priority in railway shipments. The Minister for Finance, Mr. Tokutaro Kikamura, has been

brought before the Illegal Transactions Committee for his part in the Sasebo Heavy Industry and Shipping Company scandal—another case involving hundreds of millions of yen.

Even members of the Investigating Committee themselves have not been free from suspicion. The latest—and perhaps the biggest in personalities involved—is the Showa Electric Industry Company case. Already the chief adviser to the Democratic Liberal Party, Mr. Bamboku Ono, the Vice-Governor of the Industrial Bank, and a former Vice-Minister of Agriculture are in gaol.—Reuter.

Britain's Coal Needs

Leeds, October 3.

If Britain was to attain coal exports and home objectives next year, a six or seven per cent increase in production over 1948 would be needed, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, the Minister of Fuel, said today.

This meant another 12 to 15 million tons more, said Mr. Gaitskell, who was speaking at Gorton in the West Yorkshire coalfield near here. He said that, so far this year, the mines had produced nearly eight million tons more than in the corresponding period last year but still sufficient coal was not being produced.

This year, Britain had promised to sell 10 million tons of coal to foreign customers in bulk and exports. Unless there was an immediate increase in production, she would probably not be able to fulfil this promise without taking one or two million tons from stocks.

Next year, Britain should try to raise the figure for exports and bunkers to 23 or 24 million tons.—Reuter.

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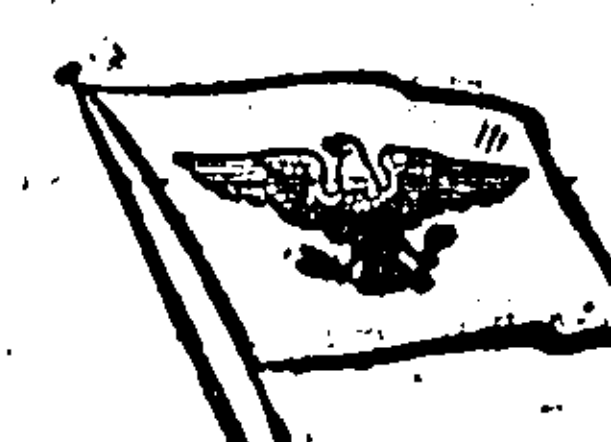
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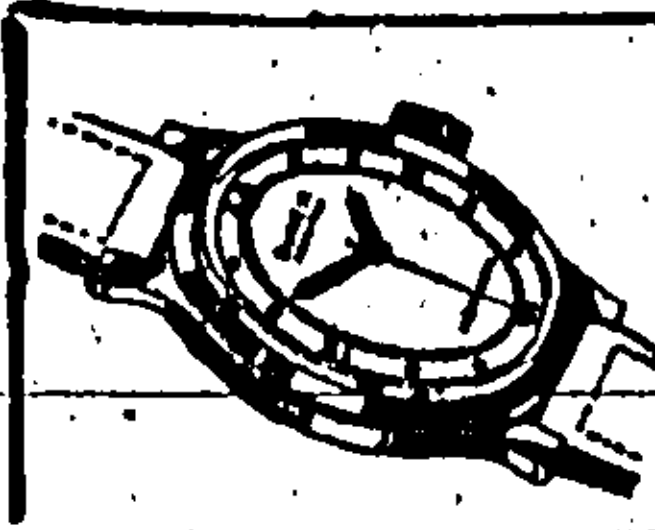
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Regatta To Be Held On Saturday

The Opening Cruise Regatta of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will be held at Middle Island on Saturday. It will be the second Rowing Regatta since the end of the war.

A barbecue is planned to follow the Regatta.

The programme follows:
2.45 p.m. International Pairs—1st Heat.

3.50 p.m. Scratch Fours.
These will be drawn at 3 p.m. on the day of the Regatta and all those members wishing to compete should report to the Regatta Committee in the Middle Island Clubhouse before that time.

4.15 p.m. International Pairs—2nd Heat.

4.40 p.m. Bow D. A. McDaniel, Sur. B. S. Nelson, Cox F. Clemm, V. Switzerland; Bow P. Carabian, Sur. S. Guttinger, Cox A. F. Hoffer.

5.00 p.m. Scratch Fours—2nd Heat.

5.45 p.m. International Pairs—Final.

Winners of 1st Heat v Winners of 2nd Heat.

6.30 p.m. International Fours.
England: Bow J. B. Winter, 2 R. O. Sweet, 3 N. Harris, Str. W. Pull, Cox D. G. Yardley v Scotland: Bow A. G. Dalziel, 2 J. Dick, 3 J. C. McDonald, Str. R. Corbett, Cox F. Clemm.

7.15 p.m. Scratch Fours—Final (if sufficient entries).

Annual Meeting Of Referees

Two motions were passed at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association which was held at the Football Association office at Prince's Building last night.

The first motion was passed when S.C.T. Tunstall, Navy representative, voiced a complaint about the inadequate facilities for changing at grounds like Caroline Hill. It was suggested that the matter be taken up as soon as possible.

The second was the formation of a five-man committee, the result of the merging of the Army, Navy, Air Force and civilian representative groups into one.

A. E. P. Geste was nominated chairman of the committee, J. F. da Silva, civilian representative, became secretary.

The visitors, a team of 17—10 men and 7 women—will be arriving by PAL on October 14.

At a selection committee meeting yesterday, big names of local swimming drawn from the recent swimming championships were fitted into the 14 individual events and four relays.

Nothing at all yet is known of the present standards of the Manila swimmers but in the last Olympic Games, the Philippines were represented in the 100 sprint event and the breast stroke. Their ladies, we know at least, will not outclass our own with Luckie Rose and the Anderson sisters to lead Hong Kong's seven swimming girls.

3 Features

Three features from the story of the 1948 Colony Swimming Championships bring a faint but nevertheless optimistic note to bear upon this forthcoming meet with the Philippine City.

They are: the ever explicable talent of Hong Kong swimmers; the average abilities throughout the season, with their showings at the final trials of the Championships; the resources of the VRC boys on whom our relay teams will depend; and the sensational individual all round performance of Jackie Rose.

Our sprinters—Sonny Monteiro and Lau Tai-ping—will be expected to the maximum and can be expected at least to perform in better times than they did when winning at the Championships.

Hong Kong's chances in the 140 and 880 are quite secure in the responsibility of our great distance swimmer Chan Chun-nam.

A.V. Lopes, our back stroke king can also be relied upon to support us in the back stroke event. Gerry Roza-Pereira and Yung Hin-kin will be up against two Filipino Olympians in the breast stroke.

Our relay teams—both men and women—are formidable units and together with what Luckie Rose will achieve in the women's back and breast stroke contests, should give Hong Kong an equal chance.

Below is the full list of events and names of those representing Hong Kong in them.

Women's 4 x 50 yards free style relay: Jackie Rose (VRC), Heather Anderson (VRC), Mami Leung (HKU), Rose (VRC) and Joan Wong (YMCA).

Men's 200 yards free style: Lau Tai-ping (Lat Tsun) and W. Lawrence (VRC).

Women's 100 yards breast stroke: L. Rose (VRC) and Wong Yukling (Lat Tsun).

Men's 100 yards back stroke: A.V. Lopes (VRC) and Cheung Wai-hon (Eastern A.A.).

Women's 150 yards back stroke: L. Rose (VRC) and Shanna Anderson (VRC).

Men's 200 yards breast stroke: Leung (HKU) and Joan Wong (YMCA).

Shanghai Bowlers



The Shanghai Portuguese Lawn Bowls team played its first game in the Colony yesterday against a team representing the Committee of Club de Recreio. The visiting team (above) includes V. B. Xavier, G. A. Noronha, G. A. S. C. de Sousa, J. E. Medina and B. E. Pintos.—"China Mail" Photo.

Recreio Defeat S'hai Bowlers

The Portuguese Interport Lawn bowlers from Shanghai played their first official game since their arrival on Sunday when they lost to the Club de Recreio Committee by 14 shots to 11 after 15 holes.

The visitors were represented by J. Medina, B. E. Pintos, V. L. Xavier and E. A. S. C. de Sousa (skip) while L. F. Xavier, G. A. Noronha, C. P. Basto and Dr. A. M. Rodrigues played for Recreio.

Although beaten, the Shanghai team were by no means disgraced, for each and every one of them played a steady game. However, the player who caught the eye most was Sousa, Shanghai's skip.

Time and again by dint of steady bowling he robbed the home team of numerous shots. On one hole with the home skip losing three beauties, he came through for the first shot, amidst applause.

V. L. Xavier, his right hand man, was inclined to be erratic but was rather accurate with his heavy shots. On several occasions he had the misfortune of seeing some of his shots missing the objective by a narrow margin.

B. E. Pintos played a fair game. He was inclined to be on the short side most of the time.

J. Medina proved himself to be an ideal lead and was constantly drawing very close to the jack.

Recreio Play Well

Recreio Committee played well to a man and each and every one of them put in their quota of shots. Leonard Xavier proved a very worthy opponent to Medina and held his own extremely well.

It was a pleasure to see these two players in action. G. A. Noronha had the edge over Pintos and drew many good shots. C. P. Basto was steady and gave his skip adequate support.

Dr. M. Rodrigues did what was expected of a skip and when over needed came through for the shot.

Xavier put in two beauties and Noronha added another one to his three when Vincent Xavier, Shanghai's No. 3 came through to draw first shot to give Shanghai the lead.

Recreio equalized on the second hole, Leonard Xavier drawing the shot. In the following hole Recreio covered two shots to take the lead. The score at this point was 3-1 in favour of Recreio.

Lead Reduced

Shanghai reduced the lead by scoring two shots on the 4th hole. On the 6th hole Shanghai took the lead by scoring two shots.

Recreio equalized by scoring a single. The score at this point was 4-4. A ding dong struggle ensued until the 9th hole when Hong Kong scored two good shots to lead 7-4.

The 10th hole proved Shanghai's downfall when Recreio scored five shots to lead by 12-6, a lead which they kept up by 12-6 at the end of the 15th hole. Shanghai registered three singles in the next three holes to reduced the lead to 12-9.

However, a two on the 14th hole for Recreio sealed the fate of the Shanghai bowlers who could only manage to reduce the deficit on the final hole by scoring two shots.

Tomorrow Shanghai will be playing Club Lusitano in an official game. Shanghai will field two rinks and will be represented by the following: J. E. Medina, B. V. de Sousa, E. A. S. C. de Sousa and C. L. Passos (skip); B. E. Pintos, A. S. Costa, V. L. Xavier and E. C. J. Pereira (skip).

Shanghai Interport Team

Mr. V. L. Xavier, Manager of the Shanghai Interport team has announced his team in their first Hong Kong Interport match against the Club de Recreio at 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai will be represented by J. E. Medina, E. C. J. Pereira, A. S. C. de Sousa and C. L. Passos while Hong Kong Portuguese will be represented by the following: J. A. da Luz, B. P. F. Marques, E. A. M. da Silva and R. F. da Luz (skip).

SURVEY FLIGHT

Hong Kong Airways carried out a survey flight over the route between Hong Kong and Manila yesterday.

Yesterday's flight was Hong Kong Airways' first to the Philippine Islands. It will be followed shortly by the establishment of a regular weekly service.

King George VI Stakes To End Ascot Racing

London, October 3.

Racing at Ascot for this season ends next week-end with a two-day fixture, the highlight of which will be the meeting of French, Italian, English and Irish racehorses in the big two-mile event, the King George VI Stakes on Saturday.

Fifteen splendid three-year olds have accepted for this valuable event, seven from France, two from Italy, five home-trained horses and a lone challenger from Ireland.

The race, which was instituted in 1946, has gone to France on both occasions it has been run, the brilliant stayer, Souverain, accounting for the Derby and St. Leger winner, Airborne, the first year, and M. Marcel Bouscassac's Arabar, romping home last year.

The winning owner will this year receive £7,000 and there will be £200 for the second and £400 for the third. British racing fans are hoping that the chief English hope, Lord Derby's Alcyon, runner up in this year's St. Leger, will prevent France from scoring a hat-trick of wins although the challenge from Italy will not be easily overcome.

Stayer Frederico Testa, the veteran Italian owner-breeder, who twice made a successful run with Tenebris this year, is sending over his three-year old filly, Trevisana, and the Marchese Mario Rocchetta's Astolfina, another three-year old filly trained by Testa.

Astolfina defeated Tenebris in the Gran Premio di Milano this year with Trevisana third. Both Astolfina and Trevisana are expected to come to Britain for the Ascot race.

French Challenge

The French challenge may not be as formidable as previous years as M. Lecier's colt, Rigolo, one of the best three year olds in France, is understood to be a doubtful starter although he accepted for the race.

Rigolo was the champion French two-year old last season and won the French 2,000 Guineas this year. He was not entered for any of the other French or British classics.

France can be represented by M. Leon Volterra's Royal Drake, runner up to My Love in the Espoon Derby but who greatly disappointed in the Doncaster St. Leger, M. Le Baron's filly, Folle, sent to Masaka in the Oaks, M. Marcel Bouscassac's Djebel, the colt, Diadema, another who has disappointed his connections with his performances in Britain and two unknown quantities in the colts, Makona, Lafitte and Kerlan.

Another French colt, Flush Royal, who was sold recently to a Scottish bookmaker, Mr. James McClean, for £25,000, and is now trained in Britain by Frank Harrier, is also one of the 15 acceptors.

Distance Too Short

Flush Royal, third in this year's French Derby, ran prominently at Ascot last week-end when he scratched from the Knights Royal Stakes in which race he probably found the distance of one mile too short for him.

An the King George VI Stakes is run over two miles, he may find the longer journey more to his liking and in the probable absence of Rigolo, prove to be the best of the Frenchmen.

The lone Irish horse, Barfield, owned by Mr. James Skeffington, recently ran third in the Irish St. Leger when a 100 to 7 chance and may figure prominently.

However, Alcyon, who was only two-fifths of a second outside the course record when winning the Jockey Club Stakes over a mile and three-quarters at Newmarket this week, is not expected to be troubled by the extra quarter of a mile at Ascot and, if he takes his chance, may record a victory for Britain with, perhaps, the Italian filly Astolfina, providing the most danger.

Crack Sprinters

On the same day as the King George VI Stakes is being run, Ascot racegoers will also be treated to a great thrill when seven crack sprinters contest the Diadem Stakes over six furlongs.

This race also takes on an international flavour as included in the small select field will be the four-year old French colt, Djebel, owned by M. Bouscassac, and the former Indian champion sprinter, Combined Operations, who recently won a race at Haydock Park but was disqualified as he carried the wrong weight.

Lieutenant Colonel Gilles Loder's Derby failure, The Cobble, and Delirium, who beat him by a head over six weeks back, are also among the acceptors along with the winner of the 2,000 Guineas two years ago, the consistent filly of Clyde and Squanderbug, who upset a spectacular gamble on flying filly, Careless.

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Bill Up For Reading

To be presented for its First Reading at the Legislative Council meeting tomorrow will be a Bill to authorise the Accountant-General to issue duplicate bonds in lieu of bonds issued under the Public Works Loan Redemption Ordinance, 1933, and the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance, 1934 which have been lost or destroyed.

Explaining the objects and reasons for the new Ordinance, an official statement said:

"In 1940 and 1941 certain holders of bonds issued under the Public Works Loan Redemption Ordinance, 1933, and the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance, 1934, in order to prevent their falling into enemy hands destroyed them in the presence of a Government representative and were given a written acknowledgment of Government's continued indebtedness.

"Other bonds were lost destroyed during the Japanese occupation without any acknowledgment of Government's continued indebtedness but Government has on the production of satisfactory evidence paid interest and has authorized payment in cases where the bonds have been drawn for redemption.

"While the bonds were negotiable to bearer the acknowledgment of indebtedness is not a necessary legal provision.

"Under clause 3 a declaration is made by the Accountant-General to issue a fresh bond on satisfactory evidence that the original was lost or destroyed. Unless a written acknowledgment of indebtedness is held, the Accountant-General may call for indemnity and guarantee.

"Despite the fact that to issue a fresh bond on satisfactory evidence of the original being lost or destroyed, the Accountant-General does not propose to issue fresh bonds in cases where there has been no written acknowledgment of indebtedness until six months after Gazette notification of the intention to issue them.

"The lapse of this period the original will cease to have any validity."

No Orchids, has broken down and will not race again and the fact that such proved stayers as the French-bred Laurenlis, the Goodwood Stakes and the Doncaster Cup winner, Aurelia and last year's winner, Whiteway, have been scratched from the race, Woodburn place at the next of field call-over is bound to shorten still further.—Reuter.

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Red Sox, Indians Tie For 1st Place

Boston, October 3.

Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians finished their 1948 season in a dead heat for first place in the American League today, necessitating a post-season playoff.

It was the first time in the history of the American League that such a season ending occurred, although it has happened before in the National League.

The tie resulted when Cleveland, which had been leading the League, lost to Detroit 7-1 while Boston, close on their heels won over Yankees 10-5. Today's games gave both teams a season record of 96 wins and 58 losses for a .623 percentage.

The playoff will be at Fenway Park, Boston, tomorrow to decide the winner of the American League championship and the opponent for Boston Braves in the World Series.

Indians, needing only a victory today to win the flag outright, were thwarted by southpaw Hal Newhouser who scattered five hits, registered his 21st victory of the season and pitched one of the finest games of his career.

Detroit slugged six Cleveland pitchers for 15 hits while Indians tallied their one run in the ninth on Alie Clark's single, a fielders choice and Joe Gordon's single.

Tigers, blasted Bob Feller from the mound when they scored four runs in the third to set up the contest.

Like Tigers who sewed up their ball game in the third inning, Red Sox bombed rookie Bob Feller from the mound in a full-field third inning when they manufactured half of their runs in the third to set up the contest.

Trailing 2-0 in the third, Red Sox came to bat as the loudspeaker announced to the crowds roaring delight that Detroit led Cleveland 3-0.

Dom DiMaggio opened the frame with a stinging single to left centre. Johnny Pesky lofted harmlessly to Joe DiMaggio, but the always reliable Ted Williams

drummed a double down the left field foul line to score Dom DiMaggio. Then came Vern Stephens, chunker short stop, who went a grounder between third and short and Williams came all the way around when Bobby Brown only managed to deflect the ball.

Spanking Double

Bobby Doerr followed with a spanking double off the left field wall which scored Stephens with the tie-breaking run. Stan Spence then walked and so did Porterfield to the showers in favour of hulking Vic Raschi, Yankees most effective hurler this year.

Billy Goodman greeted Raschi with a single that scored Doerr and drove Spence to third. Spence then came across with the fifth run lining when Birdie Tebbetts hit into a forced play.

Yankees roared back with two runs in the fifth to route Joe Doerr in favour of left handed Boston manager Joe McCarthy, elected with his club's uphill battle during the past week, said he did not know who would pitch in tomorrow's playoff although indications are for either Mickey Harris or Mel Parnell, both southpaws. It was generally expected Bob Lemon, Cleveland's 20-game winner, would too, the mound in the crucial test.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Double Tenth Race Meeting

Saturday 9th and Monday 11th October, 1948.

On the First Day, Saturday 9th October, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.; on the Second Day, Monday 11th October, the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12 noon. The Tiffin interval will be after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 8.30 a.m. each day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of Tiffin will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers' Tote Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAF,
Actg. Secretary